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Sisters Margaret Munroe Thrower '35 and Julia Munroe Woodward '34 delight in the groundbreaking ceremony of the Munroe Science Center; Vice President Steve Farr is welcomed with a traditional Russian gift of fresh baked bread while touring orphanages; the view from the President's Office, ever-changing as earth is moved for construction of the Munroe Science Center; Eleanor Adams Lane '58, at the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service dedication, signs the new Wesleyan guest book given in memory of Linda Harriet Lane to replace the 1957 guest book given in remembrance of Linda and Bill Lane's grandfather, William Anderson.

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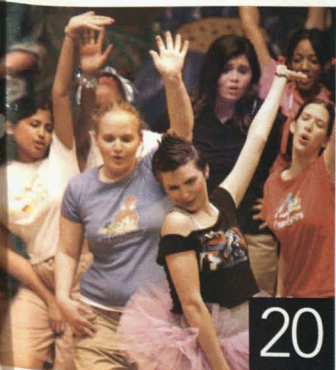
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From the President...

Greetings! As the 2005-2006 academic year comes to a close, we are pleased to share with you this spring Wesleyan magazine, aptly themed to highlight our historic college's commitment to breaking new ground – on campus, in the community, and in the world.

On campus this year, we celebrated the groundbreaking of our highly-anticipated Munroe Science Center. On a beautiful early spring day, Munroe family members from around the country joined us for a joyous ceremony to begin construction of the magnificent structure that will honor their years of devotion to Wesleyan. Since then, several giant machines have moved in, and work proceeds in earnest. The view from my office in Tate Hall (and the noise) becomes more exciting each day.

Our growing emphasis on excellence in the sciences – and in all our areas of study – has caused us to unveil three new majors at Wesleyan this academic year. We'll tell you about those majors and our pre-seminary program in this issue.

Expanding our outreach to the greater Macon community, we also dedicated the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service this spring. This Center honors William A. and Eleanor Adams Lane, Wesleyan Class of 1958, and the late Linda H. Lane, long-time faculty member and trustee, whose generous gifts have endowed its operation. Through the Lane Center, Wesleyan students, faculty, and staff will continue to learn by active involvement in service and community outreach efforts – and to make a difference in Macon, Middle Georgia, and beyond.

Our innovative Pioneer Teacher Program, now completing its first year, also is breaking new ground as a partner in local elementary education, producing highly qualified teachers to ease the area's critical teacher shortage. And as we strive to reflect our valued connection with the United Methodist Church, Wesleyan Chaplain Bill Hurdle and his

Wesleyan Disciples have helped us grow as a thriving spiritual community. Their leadership of our campus ministry is exemplary.

Around the world, our graduates continue to illustrate their talents, intellect, and dedication to service. Two young women recently honored are featured in this issue: current student Pragna Holder and 2005 graduate Erin Rooney. Reaching across the globe, graduate students in our Master of Business Administration program have broken new ground in international relations. You'll see how when you read about our exchange program with Russia and its potential to touch thousands of lives.

This "groundbreaking" issue is filled with treasures from cover to cover, including our terrific news that Debbie Jones Smith, Class of 1976, is our new Vice President for Institutional Advancement. We also feature a remarkable gift from a remarkable alumna, Mary Elizabeth Lockwood Curry, Class of 1947. And you will not want to miss the touching story on the last page about our beautiful Mac's Bridge, written by the grandson of its namesake, Virginia McClellan McCowen, Class of 1944.

Every time I walk across Mac's Bridge, I remember the joyful family who blessed us with that lovely gift. I appreciate, too, the natural manner in which it connects the core of our historic campus to the more recent additions – and the expansive paths it has created. Just as Mac's Bridge reflects heritage, joy, celebration, connections, and new paths, so does the Wesleyan experience today. We hope all the stories in this edition will give you convincing evidence that Wesleyan women – from all generations – will continue to break new ground on campus, in our communities, and around the world!



BREAKING NEW GROUND

WITH WESLEYAN'S MUNROE SCIENCE CENTER



Four generations of the Munroe family gathered on Wesleyan's front lawn to witness the groundbreaking of the \$12.5 million Munroe Science Center during an official ceremony held Friday, March 3, 2006. The ceremony honored Julia Munroe Woodward '34; Margaret Munroe Thrower '35; Randolph Thrower, and the legacy of Mary Gray Munroe Cobey '34, who, with their families, have made a major commitment to the project. The groundbreaking of this highly anticipated center marked the beginning of construction of Wesleyan's first academic building in more than 40 years.

"Interest in the sciences has continued to grow and the need for the Center is more critical than ever," said Wesleyan College President Ruth Knox in her opening remarks. "Fully forty-eight percent of our prospective students come to this campus with an interest in pursuing science and math – everything from biology to pre-med to chemistry, and including psychology. Those numbers drop a little once students get here and see just how rigorous the study of science will be, but still an impressive twenty-five percent of our graduates over the last two years have majored in these fields. Overall, we have experienced a

forty-six percent increase in the numbers of majors in these disciplines over the last ten years. Clearly, this Center is a vital addition to the educational experience our students and faculty want and deserve."

The college's new state-of-the-art science facility will serve not only the increasing number of Wesleyan students enrolled and majoring in biology, chemistry, psychology, and computer sciences, but also will address the great need throughout our state and nation for women who are skilled in medicine, scientific research, computer technology, and mathematics. In addition,

the building will house the college's new Center for Women in Science and Technology. This academic center is dedicated to providing programs that engage, sustain, and retain girls and women in the natural sciences, physical sciences, and mathematics. It will support successful existing programs like KISMET (Kids In Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and Technology) and SPECTACLES math and science summer camps for middle school girls and will permit entirely new initiatives like "Science For You" K-12 collaboratives, pre-professional school test preparation for Wesleyan College juniors and seniors, and "Science In the Summer" workshops for K-12 science and math teachers, according to newly named Center Director and Associate Professor of Biology Holly Boettger-Tong, Ph.D.

The Munroe Science Center will be located prominently on Wesleyan's front campus between Tate and Taylor Halls. In addition to its high visibility, this central location enhances the facility's functionality, accessibility, and sensitivity to the surrounding landscape. Scheduled for completion in the summer of 2007, the center's door will be open to students for the fall semester that year.



"Generous gifts provided by individual donors, foundation grants, and government funding have ensured the completion of this project within the \$12.5 million in-hand budget," said Wesleyan CFO Rick Maier. "In addition to the Munroe family commitment, the list of other donors has grown from two early investors – the Tull Foundation in Atlanta and Macon's own Peyton Anderson Foundation – to include generous commitments from the Woodruff Foundation in Atlanta, the Bradley-Turner Foundation in Columbus, and others."

The Atlanta-based architectural firm of Lord, Aeck, Sargent was selected to design the comprehensive center. The firm's Architecture for Science Studio designs scientific, medical research, and teaching facilities using innovative materials, functional, user-friendly layouts, and strict attention to environmental and biosafety standards. Several of their recently completed science facilities include teaching/research science buildings at Emory University, Georgia Tech, Davidson College, the College of Charleston, Darton College, and the University of Alabama. The firm is working closely with Macon's Dunwody-Beeland Architects, designers of the college's original 1928 master plan, to ensure that the new facility will be architecturally and structurally compatible with Wesleyan's existing historic, stately buildings.

Designed to house eleven individual teaching laboratories and nine separate research laboratories, the new facility will encourage faculty/student collaboration on research projects, contain interactive laboratories for specific experimentation, and offer individualized instruction in an environmentally efficient and safe setting.

Wesleyan & UGA partner to propagate 70-year-old tea olive shrubs



A team of Wesleyan College students and science faculty made history early this spring in the college's first trans-campus horticultural operation. On Wednesday February 22, the team, led by Associate Professor of Biology Jim Ferrari, Ph.D., took cuttings from two huge fragrant tea

olive shrubs, each part of the campus' original 1928 master landscape plan, and transported them to waiting colleagues and students at the University of Georgia in Athens. Richard S. "Dick" George, local Master Gardener and friend of the college, personally transported the cuttings to the UGA Department of Horticulture, where faculty and students there rooted them.

Construction of the Munroe Science Center necessitated the removal of the two tea olives and several other shrubs and trees located in the mirrored stands between Tate and Taylor Halls, resulting in this great exercise in college-university cooperation.

"Losing these shrubs and trees is an unfortunate by-product of our newest campus addition," says Ferrari, "but we are very pleased to have our friends at the University helping us save and propagate the tea olives for future plantings."

Exact plans for the future tea olive shrubs have not been finalized, but the Macon Alumnae Club hopes to sell them as a fundraiser for the college. In addition, many will most certainly find new roots among the numerous other tea olive, Yoshino cherry, holly, magnolia and other varieties of trees and shrubs that grace Wesleyan's National Historic Register campus.

State-of-the-art laboratories include cell biology, ecology, physiology, immunology, and instrumental analysis labs as well as general biology, physics, and chemistry labs. While teaching laboratories will serve as classrooms, a small seminar room and two technologically advanced classrooms also will be used for instruction. Among its many specialty science spaces, the new facility will include the Randolph and Margaret Munroe Thrower Astronomy Platform, the Class of 1956 Green Knight Greenhouse, and a community learning center.

"The design provides a high-tech space that is both functional and flexible, is environmentally efficient and safe, is visually appealing and inviting, and encourages community collaboration," noted Wesleyan Associate Professor of Biology Jim Ferrari, Ph.D., who is serving as "project shepherd" or liaison between the science faculty and the architectural design team. "The 42,000 square-foot facility dramatically increases our space and will result in enhanced research capabilities."

Two Phases Ensure Long-Term Success.

Primary construction of the Munroe Science Center encompasses Phase I of the project, while a second phase is crucial to complete Wesleyan's comprehensive plan for excellence in the sciences. Phase II encompasses three major objectives: (1) to begin the process of renovating the current science building, Taylor Hall, as a functional and modern facility for the departments of education, physics, mathematics, and other disciplines, (2) to increase Wesleyan's endowment for its science programs, and (3) to add a community space to the Munroe Science Center.

Immediately upon completion of the Munroe Science center, the college will begin renovating Taylor Hall, the current-but overcrowded-science facility, built in 1928. The entire building requires major renovation to solve HVAC, plumbing, electrical, structural, and space concerns, including the restructuring of laboratories and classrooms. Once completed, Wesleyan's Comprehensive Science Plan will meet the growing interest and demands of our students by offering high-tech and hands-on science education, preparing women for professional careers in the sciences and technology, reaching out to our community, especially girls in grades K-12, and improving



the economy of our area by educating highly-skilled professionals who will live and work here.

Phase II of the Munroe Science Center project also includes the addition of an endowment for the entire facility's operation, maintenance, and programming. Such an endowment will ensure that (1) the building is maintained to its optimal condition, with the latest equipment and technology, and (2) the science programs continue to expand, including the college's outreach efforts to girls in grades K-12, many of whom need support and encouragement to develop their talents in science, math, and technology.

The addition of a multi-purpose community component to the Munroe Science Center is also needed to strengthen the college's comprehensive science program. Because the new building truly will be the heart of the campus, a proposal to expand the Munroe Science Center includes the addition of a dramatic but highly functional space, designed as a rotunda, to provide a student/community gathering space on the first floor and a home for Wesleyan's Center for Women in Science and technology on the second floor. The roof (third) level of the rotunda will allow for significant expansion of the astronomy platform.

MUNROE SCIENCE CENTER NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Honor a family member, friend, professor, or business by making a gift to the college in support of Phase II of Wesleyan's Comprehensive Science Plan. In appreciation of your support, Wesleyan College will recognize donors at certain giving levels by naming individual teaching laboratories, research laboratories, or other spaces within the new Munroe Science Center or adjacent gardens in their honor. For complete details about each opportunity, visit www.wesleyancollege.edu/munroe or contact Vice President for Advancement Debbie Smith at 478-757-5131 or dsmith@wesleyancollege.edu.

NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

Rotunda/Atrium/Community Space: \$1 million
 Courtyard: \$500,000
 Teaching Laboratories (11): \$300,000 each
 Animal Suite: \$300,000
 North Entrance Gardens: \$300,000
 Landscaping: \$250,000
 Cell and Molecular Biology/Developmental Research Laboratory: \$150,000
 Classrooms (2): \$150,000 each
 Community Learning Center: \$100,000
 Chemistry Research Laboratories:
 (2) \$100,000 each (1) \$175,000
 Biology and Psychology Research Laboratories (4): \$75,000 each
 South Terraces (2): \$50,000 each
 Laboratory Support (13): \$25,000 each
 2nd Floor Lobby/Gathering Space: \$25,000

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The Mary Margaret Woodward McNeill, Susan Woodward Walker, and Judy Woodward Gregory Office of the Center for Women in Science and Technology

The Randolph and Margaret Munroe Thrower Astronomy Platform

The Dr. Howard J. Williams, Jr. and Mary Tidwell Williams '53 Microscopy Support Lab

The Diana Maravelas Xides Baca Lobby

Class of 1956 Green Knight Greenhouse

Graphic Packaging Ecology Research Laboratory

Sara Branham Matthews Immunology Research Laboratory

Photo: Margaret and Randolph Thrower discuss plans for the new center with project shepherd Dr. Jim Ferrari.

THE *magnificent* MUNROE *Sisters*



The *Macon Telegraph* first contained a feature story announcing the groundbreaking for the new Munroe Science Center on January 25, 2000. Well, a lot has happened since that story ran, hasn't it? Obviously the date of the groundbreaking was pushed back just a bit. The architect is different. The design, the plans, and even the location have changed. Without a doubt, in six years the cost of the building has increased fairly substantially. At the same time, several exceedingly important facets of this facility have not changed in six years. Of course, one constant in this entire process has been the faith, patience and generosity of the Munroe family, who have maintained their own commitment to cover half the cost of the Science Center and whose loyalty and sacrificial giving have inspired so many other donors to come forward and help us raise the funds we needed to bring us here today. Theirs is a stunning collective gift from a family whose history of generosity to Wesleyan reaches back many years. To catalogue all the gifts, all the contributions, we would be here far into the night. For now, be reminded that because of these remarkable women, we have two fully endowed teaching chairs – the Munroe Chair

"Because it was something that needed doing." That one response, to a local reporter's question about why the Munroes had been so generous in their support of Wesleyan's new science center, spoke volumes to me. I sat at Miss Julia Munroe Woodward's feet, mesmerized by her personality, wit, and wisdom, and witnessed what it means to be truly devoted to something bigger than one's own small world. Later, when I met Miss Julia's sister Margaret and her husband Randolph, the daughters of their sister Mary Gray, and the three Munroe sisters' children, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren, I was overwhelmed by the magnitude of what they have done and continue to do for Wesleyan – the college, her spirit, her students, and the people who are fortunate enough to call this place "home" at least five days a week.

During the groundbreaking ceremony on March 3, 2006, President Ruth Knox spoke eloquently about this most incredible group of sisters (and brother-in-law). I knew no story we might write could do them justice, and so it is with great pleasure that we share excerpts from her remarks with you in this magazine.

~ Ruth Sykes, editor

of Life Sciences and the Munroe Chair of Math and Science. We have the Munroe endowment for support of the sciences, and, of course, the Munroe Scholars endowment, which provides scholarships and research stipends for our gifted students. These endowed funds are enormously significant as we strive for academic excellence in all our programs. But the contributions of this remarkable family include much, much more than dollars and cents.

Often, I speak on the Wesleyan campus about the legendary Munroe sisters from Quincy, Florida, and their backgrounds, including the well-known stories about their father Mr. Pat's banking prowess, his eighteen children (ten with his first wife and eight with the second Mrs. Munroe), and his exceedingly wise investments in the "little company in Atlanta" called Coca-Cola. Mr. Pat's wisdom and influence certainly extended to his choice of colleges for his daughters. When Miss Julia was asked in an interview a few years ago why she chose Wesleyan, she responded quite simply, "Because Daddy told me that's where I was going!" So, thanks to Mr. Pat, Mary Gray and Julia Munroe arrived on the brand new Rivoli campus in the fall of 1930. Their aunts, Jessie, Bessie, and Daisy, and two older sisters from Mr. Pat's first marriage, Claire and Edith, had preceded them at Wesleyan. Now it was their turn.

Sixteen-year-old Julia attended summer school in Quincy in order to enter the freshman class with older sister Mary Gray. The two sisters were roommates for all four years here – something that is perhaps unique in Wesleyan history. Just the next year their younger sister Margaret arrived (fifteen-years-old) and all three immersed themselves in a college experience that would be one of the defining periods of their lives. The teachers, the sports, the clubs, the beautiful sparkling new facilities, and, as always seems the case, the friendships they formed – all were part of their Wesleyan experience.



Mary Gray and Julia majored in history; only Margaret majored in biology. But Julia discovered in her sophomore year a love of biology herself and recalled, in that same interview a few years ago, the first time she bent over a microscope and saw an amoeba shifting around under her eyes. This glimpse at the microscopic world touched something within her and, in her words, "I lit up like a Christmas tree!" She used all her elective courses, she said, to study science.

Following graduation, each of the three moved back to Quincy for a while before marrying and settling in different parts of the country.

Mary Gray married William Wilfred Cobey and moved to Maryland where her husband was athletic director of the University of Maryland for many years. And, though she was 650 miles away, her loyalty to Wesleyan was unwavering. She helped found and actively participated in the Washington, D.C., alumnae club and spearheaded that group's efforts to establish a scholarship fund in the 1940s. Mary Gray recruited both students and alumnae admissions representatives for Wesleyan in the D.C. area. She served as class liaison and chair for her class reunions and was consistently faithful to the loyalty fund. She even sent war bonds in the 1940s to the teacher retirement fund. Mary Gray and her husband established a book acquisition fund in memory of *his* great-grandmother and grandmother, both Wesleyan alumnae. Given Mary Gray's lifelong passion for reading and learning, that gift seems especially fitting.

Mary Gray had a fascinating history with another Wesleyan legend, Soong Ching-ling (Madame Sun Yat-sen). While traveling in China, she sent a note to her fellow alumna. The two of them became pen pals, and the personal correspondence between these two remarkable Wesleyannes is now a treasured part of our archives. When Soong May-ling (Madame Chiang Kai-shek) made a state visit to Washington, D.C., in the 1950s, Mary Gray visited with her and sent a detailed report to the College. She played a major role in building the warm relationship that still continues with our friends in China.

One of my favorite stories about Mary Gray is of her as a very young girl, when a stranger stopped her and asked who she was. She replied,

"Why, I'm the oldest of Mr. Pat's second crop and I am *responsibility* for all the rest." Because she lived in Maryland, I wasn't privileged to know Mary Gray as well as I know her sisters, but my personal memory of her is quite vivid. The time was April 2003, over dinner in Quincy, after she and Miss Julia had given those interviews I mentioned earlier. She was wearing a stylish red dress, presiding over dinner and the lively conversation at the head of the table – charming, interesting, interested, warm, so very kind and complimentary, and quite funny. But what struck me most was that she was completely in charge, even over Miss Julia, and I have never seen that happen before or since. After all those years, she was still "responsibility" for her younger sister and all the rest of us.

Miss Julia returned to Quincy after her graduation, too, and then married a hometown boy, Robert D. Woodward. Her loyalty to the college soon took the form of an intense mission to get local girls to Wesleyan, and she became widely known as a one-woman admission office. I have heard the saying – which was true until just a few years ago – that if Miss Julia's car was ever headed north, it was likely to be filled with prospective students coming to Wesleyan. We don't have a firm count on the number of Wesleyannes who have come here because of her influence or her help, but a conservative estimate brings in the number of "Miss Julia's Girls" at more than seventy-five, and I suspect the number is closer to one hundred – even more when all the recent Munroe Scholars are included. Three of Miss Julia's girls were, of course, her daughters, Mary Margaret, Judy, and Susan. Their own contributions to Wesleyan could be the subject of another entire talk, and we are especially grateful that they are a part of the new Munroe Science Center, too.

In addition to her recruiting skills, Miss Julia has given her time and her talent to Wesleyan as a member of the Board of Trustees since 1950 – and she's still going strong. I didn't know until recently that she was tapped for the Board as quite a young woman because she was so successful in helping Dr. Silas Johnson raise money in north and west Florida to help pay Wesleyan's moral obligation to some of its bondholders, who had accepted less than full payment during

depression times. Dr. Johnson felt compelled to settle up, and he learned quickly what we know, too – tell Miss Julia about something you really need and it's done!

Miss Julia is warm, funny, plainspoken, endearing, generous, unpretentious, and filled with intellectual curiosity. She listens, she questions, she remembers everything, and she certainly tells us what she thinks. The privilege of knowing and learning from her is one of the great blessings of my life, and she is a constant source of inspiration to me and to many.

So, too, are Margaret and Randolph Thrower, whose loving and enduring partnership is one of the most touching I have ever known. After seeing photographs of the young Margaret Munroe, I can see what attracted Randolph to her, and I suspect he was drawn as well by her sparkle, her creativity, and her uncanny ability to make friends and keep them all connected. When she returned to Quincy following her graduation from Wesleyan in 1935, she almost immediately set to work starting an alumna club for the area. Having served as president of her senior class at Wesleyan, Margaret became and remains the class liaison. She took her duties very seriously and over the years has kept close tabs on her classmates. Margaret has been an important part of the Atlanta Alumnae Club and has served several times as president. She is also a wonderfully gifted artist, and both their home and Randolph's office are filled with examples of her beautiful work. Marrying the young attorney Randolph Thrower turned out to be one of her lasting contributions to Wesleyan as well. Last fall, Margaret's children and their families honored her on her 90th birthday by making a collective gift to Wesleyan, naming the astronomy platform in the new Science Center for her. Their son Randy, I understand, read a letter I had written to describe the gift, and Margaret later sent me a note to thank me for that letter. But what she really wanted to say was that she hoped the gift of the children would be called the "Margaret M. and Randolph W. Thrower" astronomy platform, because – in her words – "everything we have done we have done together."

Indeed, when this grandson of a Methodist minister married Margaret Munroe, he became her partner even in her dedication to her alma mater, often shaping the direction of the family's gifts to Wesleyan. When Miss Julia was asked what motivated the sisters to make their gifts for the Munroe chairs, scholarships, and this building, she said – again quite simply – "Randolph." Those two oral histories we have from Mary Gray and Miss Julia were his idea, too, and he took care of all the arrangements.

With lovely parties in their Atlanta home and sometimes at the Driving Club, they have entertained Wesleyan alumnae, presidents, prospective students, and donors countless times. I have myself enjoyed their company on several occasions, and every single time is a treat. One

morning, just a couple of years ago, I arrived a little early for an appointment in their home, and Margaret was not yet fully dressed for the day. But in two seconds flat, she dashed into her room, ran a comb through her hair, put on some bright red lipstick, and came back out looking like a movie star. Randolph sat there, slightly amused, just calmly eating his cereal. Then we enjoyed a cup of tea and a quite productive conversation about lots of calls they would help me make to meet our Leap of Faith challenge. And they did. They are the best I know at bringing people together with a purpose.

Randolph Thrower was elected to the Board of Trustees in 1960, and he went on to serve as chair for eight years in the 70s and 80s. He remained active until the last year or so, often finding precisely the right phrase – with just the right amount of humor, and with perfect delivery – to help the board reach consensus. He has served as

a talented, dedicated, and involved steward of the College, and we all owe him a debt of gratitude for that gift of his time and expertise, too.

*"everything we have done
we have done together."*

In this short celebration, I cannot begin to describe these dear friends adequately or to express to the Munroe family the extent of our gratitude for the priceless contributions made to Wesleyan College over the years. No family has had a more enduring or far-reaching influence. It's that simple.

I will close by telling you just one more story. In my office I keep several personal photographs on the credenza behind my desk, and each one has a purpose. I look at them every day – for reflection, for gratitude, for courage, for inspiration. Among those, as part of my family, I have a picture taken at Miss Julia's 89th birthday celebration. There's Randolph with Margaret sitting next to him, and her arm is linked through his; then Miss Julia smiling brightly; and Mary Gray looking stylish in her bold, bright blue outfit. When I look at that photograph, I think of all their wonderful qualities that I want to have and that I want today's Wesleyan women to emulate – responsibility, kindness, curiosity, enthusiasm, loyalty, hospitality, the talent for nurturing connections, creativity, and sacrificial generosity toward others.

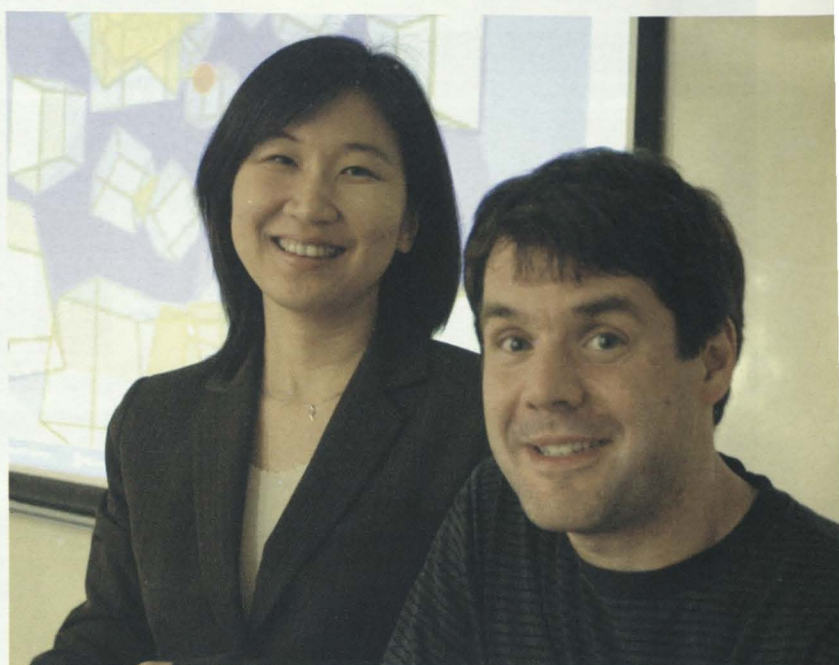
And when I look at their picture, I can lift my eyes just a bit and see from my window the site on which the Munroe Science Center will stand, a building that will reflect many of their qualities, too – long on substance, totally without pretense, marked by understated elegance and style, solid and strong and void of extravagance.

All in all, my fervent hope is that the Munroe Science Center will be the fitting tribute these most remarkable of Wesleyan alumnae deserve – for all the incredible gifts they and their families have shared with Wesleyan College over the past 75 years. And just perhaps, some young woman who never had a thought of pursuing a career in science will – like young Julia Munroe – peer into a microscope, see an amoeba and "light up like a Christmas tree."

Photos: previous pages, left, the president's personal photo of the inspirational Munroes; right, President Knox with four generations of Munroes at the Science Center groundbreaking.



Environmental Science



Computer Information Systems

EXPANDING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Exciting new majors have broken ground at Wesleyan, including Computer Information Systems (C.I.S.), Environmental Science, Political Science, Theatre, and Music & Theatre. This brings the college's academic offerings to 35 majors and 29 minors including self-designed majors and interdisciplinary programs, according to Dean Delmas Crisp, Ph.D. In addition, pre-seminary has been added to the college's list of pre-professional programs, which includes: engineering, medicine, dental, veterinary, pharmacy, health sciences, and law.

The C.I.S. bachelors degree program provides students with a well-rounded background for careers in systems analysis, database administration, e-commerce development, network administration, and applications programming. According to Assistant Professors of Math and Science Dr. Jinghua Zhang and Dr. Jim Morey, career opportunities are excellent in the field, as the market yields high demand nationally and good entry-level salaries for qualified C.I.S. graduates. Wesleyan's new C.I.S. lab and classroom offer students extensive hands-on learning experience. Electronic classrooms have been implemented throughout the campus to provide projection and electronic white board (SMART Board) technologies.

Environmental science is at the forefront of addressing issues that impact the future of our planet, says Assistant Professor of



Theatre

Chemistry Dr. David Edwards. In the past 150 years, our society has developed new technologies leading to longer life spans, increased communication capacities, and increased yields in agriculture. The broad-scoped tasks of an environmental scientist require an interdisciplinary background to fully grasp each complex issue. Wesleyan's new environmental science major curriculum prepares students for a career in a diverse spectrum of environmental employment positions ranging from research scientist to political lobbyist, while developing a conscientious concern for the world in which we live.

Students pursuing the new Political Science major (formerly offered only as a minor) gain the critical and analytical skills requisite for coping with problems

posed by a rapidly changing world, and the ability to express concepts concisely and forcefully through both oral and written communication. All students majoring in political science complete a professional internship, gleaning real-world experience from places like the Macon City Attorney's Office, Georgia Senator Saxby Chambliss' office, and the Public Policy Leadership Education Network (PLEN), a national consortium of women's colleges working together to educate women for public leadership.

Wesleyan's dynamic Theatre department has expanded the earlier offered theatre minor into a full major degree program starting in the fall of 2006. Theatre majors will be encouraged to direct a show in their junior or senior year, and many contribute to the local arts scene by volunteering at Macon's community theatres with set construction, costuming and acting talent. As always, Wesleyan Theatre students earn a great deal of experience through professional internships and are highly marketable for acting and technical jobs all over the country, according to Associate Professor of Theatre and Director of the Theatre Program Dr. Frazer Lively. Recent graduates can be found at the New York City performance collective, Santa Fe Opera, Georgia Shakespeare Festival, Maine State Music Festival, Disney, and Stage Door.





EXEMPLARY MACON FAMILY HONORED IN

Lane Center Dedication Ceremony

"For generations now, the members of this family have known and practiced the ideals of service and community engagement," said President Ruth Knox at the formal dedication of The Lane Center for Community Engagement & Service this spring. "And for generations, the Lanes have devoted themselves to serving Wesleyan. They have shared their resources, their time, their energy, their views, and their example." The center honors William and Eleanor Lane '58, and the memory of Linda Lane.

President Knox remarked that even as a student at Wesleyan, she was familiar with the Lane name. "Linda Lane was a slightly intimidating professor of music – a great thinker who I understand was the driving force behind the wonderfully creative January Term that we had in those days, when the campus was alive with unusual courses and gatherings and all sorts of challenging speakers," she said, continuing; "Eleanor Lane I knew vaguely as a community activist and a really formidable STUNT judge; and I ate quite often in the Anderson Dining Hall. But I didn't know the connections."

Later, through the Alumnae Association and the Board of Trustees, the president said she began to understand how the dedicated service to Wesleyan of the three Lanes she knew best – Eleanor, Bill, and Linda – was inspired by the example of Bill and Linda's mother, Linda Anderson Lane '17 and '19. Recently, she said, she realized the Lane-Wesleyan connection

reaches back even further, to Linda McKinney Anderson, Wesleyan Class of 1893, mother of Linda Anderson Lane and grandmother of Bill and Linda Lane.

"The contributions of Linda McKinney Anderson are remarkable really," she said. "First of all, she must have been the reason that her husband, Mr. William D. Anderson, joined the Wesleyan Board of Trustees in 1921, which means that he was part of the group who made the bold decision to buy and build this campus just a few years later." Mrs. Anderson served as president of the Alumnae Association and in that capacity oversaw the grand groundbreaking ceremony for the new Rivoli campus in 1928. Sadly, when the depression hit shortly thereafter, those who had purchased the bonds used to finance its construction foreclosed on the college's property. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson together – he as general chair of the campaign and she as alumna chair – led the Herculean labor in 1938 of raising the \$600,000 needed to satisfy Wesleyan's creditors, or to quote from the local paper at the time "to relieve the College of financial embarrassment."

President Knox said: "The still new Rivoli campus dining room was then named in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, which hardly seems adequate in retrospect – except that the space *is* among the most beautiful on campus and certainly is the most often used. All this is to say that the bar was set pretty high for those who were to follow, and we are here today because

the ideal of a life lived in service – both to Wesleyan and the larger community – was no mere platitude but was a practice for Mrs. Anderson, her daughter, and later her grandchildren.

"That daughter, Linda Anderson, graduated in 1917 with a degree in music, earning the AB degree in 1919, and she lost no time in matching her mother's record of service to Wesleyan and the community – during good times and bad. For the college's centennial celebration in 1936, Linda Anderson (now Lane) was both behind the scenes planning the entire musical program and up front as the 'Spirit of Wesleyan' clad in robes of purple and lavender. In that famous campaign to save Wesleyan, she chaired the Macon alumnae effort while her mother was the general alumnae chair. She continued to work tirelessly for Wesleyan and the Macon community, serving as an alumna trustee for the College from 1941-1944, founding the Macon Council on World Affairs, and bringing music to many through the Morning Music Club and the Community Concerts in Macon. In 1978 she received the Governor's Award in the Arts. Following her death in 1984, Wesleyan dedicated the Alumnae Museum in the Candler Building in her name. At that time, her daughter-in-law Eleanor wrote of her: 'We never had a family gathering without Wesleyan being at the top of the agenda. She wasn't one to sit and wring her hands in despair. Grandmother was a doer.'"

Teaching the spirit of service and engagement

The Lane Center mission encourages Wesleyan faculty to build into its curriculum opportunities for students to share with the community what they are learning in the classroom. An excellent example of this philosophy is the Wesleyan Volunteers For Literacy program. This collaborative effort partners with Central Georgia Technical College's Adult Learning Center, which has helped hundreds of non-reading adults since its beginning, and has been praised nationally for its innovative approach to increasing a spirit of altruism and community service among college students.

Even before Wesleyan students step foot in the classroom, they are introduced to the Lane Center philosophy of service-based leadership. The First-Year Immersion Program is a joint effort of the Lane Center and Student Affairs office, in which all first-year students tour their new hometown and participate in group service projects with partner agencies.

The Lane Center models civic leadership and personal responsibility through conferences, workshops, and conversations throughout the year about such topics as: wellness, economic empowerment, literacy, global women's issues, spirituality, HIV/AIDS, and women's leadership and professional development. A suite of rooms in the Lane Center known as Sojourner's Sanctuary is set aside to house visiting scholars and artists-in-residence, women scholars who share their work, experiences, strengths, and spirituality with the Wesleyan community.

Perhaps the best indicators of the Lane Center's success are the independent student initiatives, which serve as daily affirmation of the center's positive effect on the campus and on the local and global community. Fund raising for international catastrophes, special prayer services, and clothing drives for the homeless are just a few of the many campus wide, student driven initiatives regularly led by Wesleyan women who are learning and living the spirit of service.

Daughter Linda Lane inherited both her mother's musical aptitude and love of Wesleyan. After her graduation from Vassar College, then from Indiana State University with a master of music degree and further study in New York, Linda began her tenure at Wesleyan as Instructor of Piano in 1954 and eventually became Associate Professor of Music. Following a distinguished teaching and performing career, she served on Wesleyan's Board of Trustees from 1983 until 2002, as chair from 1989 to 1994. In 1995, Wesleyan honored her with the doctor of fine arts degree, and she served as commencement speaker that year.

"Linda was devoted to Wesleyan, and I had the privilege of serving with her on the Board of Trustees, where I followed her as chair," President Knox said. "She was one of the early visionaries who dreamed that Wesleyan would create a center for women to gather, talk, study, and learn about leadership and service and how to put those lessons into practice. I think she would approve of what we are doing now – including bringing new energy and focus to our music program." President Knox expressed deep appreciation for Linda Lane's generosity, devotion, and willingness to share her talent and life with the college before continuing with the dedication.

"Linda's brother, William Anderson Lane, is a brilliant and scholarly man who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of North Carolina, received a master's in English from Princeton, won a Fulbright Fellowship for study at London's University College and later earned a master of divinity degree at Duke University. He taught English at Princeton, among other institutions, before returning home to teach at Macon's Mercer University. Described as soft-spoken, modest, and deeply thoughtful, Bill Lane has served his community as a member of the Bibb County School Board, including as chairman. He, like his mother, received the Governor's Award in the Arts for his contributions to Macon and Middle Georgia, and he continues to support many arts agencies like the Macon Symphony and MidSummer Macon."

In May of 1958, when he was the guest speaker at Wesleyan's Alumnae Day, he spoke eloquently of his personal ties to Wesleyan and of the need for Wesleyan to dedicate herself to the pursuit of excellence, including in the liberal arts, the fine arts, and the sciences, when settling for mediocrity seemed to be the easier route, according to the president's dedication remarks.

"He spoke of Wesleyan's strengths, including our size, our focus on women, our Christian values, and our understanding of service throughout the world. Those commitments to excellence, women, faith, and service are, of course, part of our mission statement now at Wesleyan," said President Knox.

One member of the 1958 senior class that gave Bill Lane such confidence in Wesleyan's future was a very promising young graduate named Eleanor Adams, who, 15 years later, would become Mrs. William Anderson Lane.

Her senior photograph in the 1958 *Veterropt* bears this caption:

A window opens and a bellowing "Charge" breaks the night quiet... At the pep rally an enthusiastic figure beats a trash can... We gather to be entertained by her sparkling sophisticated humor, whether exemplified as a riotous prank or a priceless remark... People are drawn to her intriguing conversations, which show much more than the carefree surface she turns most often to the world... There is her intense love and profound understanding of people... Her disgust for hypocrisy and her unwavering strength to acclaim what she thinks is right... There is her intense loyalty to her friends, her class, and her college... Her deep love for Wesleyan is more than sentimental devotion... She has a perceptive understanding of its problems and an earnest desire to see them corrected. This has made Eleanor the unofficial leader of our class.

According to those who know her, this caption could just as easily have been written today.

"Indeed, Eleanor Lane could be the poster child for the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service. As an activist since her graduation from Wesleyan, she has spent a

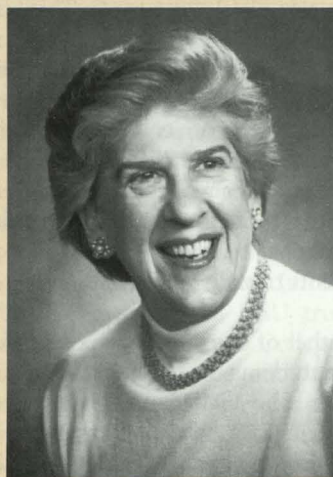
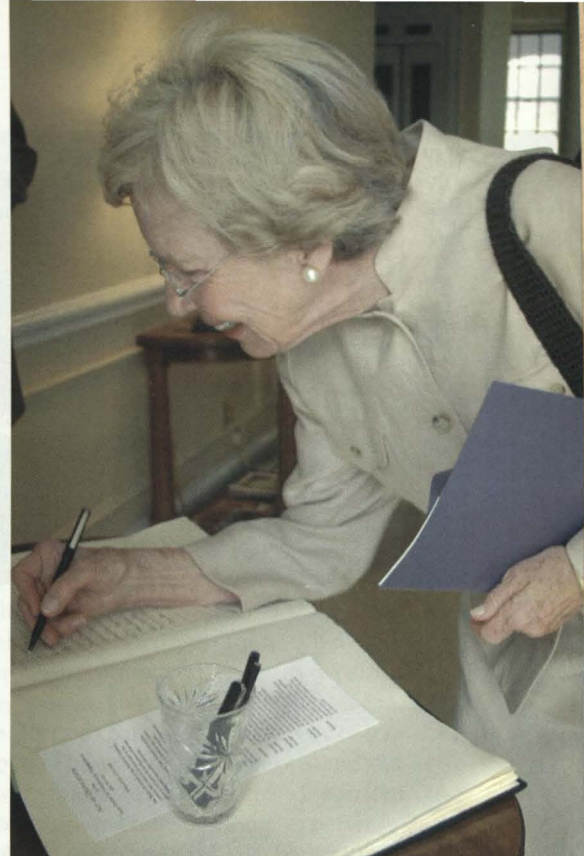
lifetime dedicated to the ideals that drive this Center – the belief that one person can make a difference – even when the cause is not popular – and the belief that the life well-lived is one spent in service of others, especially the disenfranchised and the powerless,” said President Knox. The list of Mrs. Lane’s causes and roles is long and impressive. Among them: president of the League of Women Voters and the Macon Council of World Affairs; member and former chair of Georgia Women of Achievement; Sunday School and Circle teacher and member of the Board of Trustees at Vineville United Methodist Church; Advisory Councils on Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse; Marriage and Family Therapist, after getting a master’s degree in Family Studies from Mercer in 1992; Women’s Political Organization; and board of directors of Middle Georgia Food Bank.

She has been driven by a dedication to her family, her church, her community, and Wesleyan. She has been a tireless supporter of the College. As class liaison she has prompted her classmates for their gifts and their attendance at class reunions. In 1986, she served as chair of the Wesleyan Sesquicentennial Observance committee. She has served as a trustee for 11 years, in two different periods, chairing both the Building and Grounds and Academic Affairs committees.

Eleanor Lane exemplifies tact and grace, but she has not hesitated to be a “truth teller” when the need arose, according to President Knox, who said, “I have witnessed myself her courage to speak the truth when others would not, and always she has served as a voice of reason.”

She related the story that during one of the more challenging periods in Wesleyan history, Eleanor Lane wrote to the Alumnae office: “I . . . hope that an all-out effort will be made to make a go of it as a liberal arts college for women that stands for academic excellence – that maintains a strong fine arts emphasis and close and meaningful ties with the church.” The parallels with Bill Lane’s thoughts in 1958 are striking, and this simple but eloquent statement captures Wesleyan’s essential mission today.

President Knox concluded the dedication ceremony by saying: “The Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service is the visible expression of our mission to teach young women to study, analyze, think, understand, love, care, and use all that is within us to serve God and our fellow citizens of the world. Eleanor Lane, Bill Lane, and Linda Lane are our benefactors, yes, but they also are our spiritual guides. We want to cultivate young women who, for the rest of their lives, will be – like Linda McKinney Anderson, Linda Anderson Lane, Linda Harriet Lane, and Eleanor Adams Lane (and like the Anderson and Lane men, too) – women who are doers; women who refuse to sit and wring their hands in despair at the world’s injustices, but are empowered to work in creative ways to bring joy, beauty, art, music, justice, and peace to a world that hungers for them all.”



LINDA H. LANE (1920-2005)

Wesleyan College lost a wonderful friend, leader, and benefactor in November 2005 when Linda Lane, our former Board of Trustees Chair, passed away.

Through her Wesleyan ancestry, dating to Linda McKinney Anderson (Class of 1893), Linda was connected to the college from a very early age. From her mother, Linda Anderson Lane, she inherited such musical aptitude that she knew the Wesleyan alma mater by the time she was just 10-years-old. Although she earned her undergraduate degree at Vassar, her Master of Music at Indiana State University, and studied further in New York,

Linda returned to Macon to begin her Wesleyan career as Instructor of Piano in 1954 and eventually earned the title Associate Professor of Music.

After a distinguished teaching and performing career, she served on Wesleyan’s Board of Trustees from 1983 until 2002 with the additional responsibilities of chair from 1989 to 1994. In 1995, she was selected as commencement speaker and Wesleyan honored her with the doctor of fine arts degree.

Faithfully devoted to Wesleyan, Linda was one of the early visionaries who dreamed of the day when Wesleyan would lead the way in women’s service and enrichment – a dream realized through the mission of the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service.

“Linda was magnificently generous to Wesleyan, both during her lifetime and at her death, much of that without restriction,” said President Ruth Knox at the Lane Center dedication. “The gift she made for this Center is only one part of her priceless contributions to Wesleyan College over an entire lifetime of devotion, and we shall always be grateful that she shared her wonderful talent and her life with us.”



Welcome, Sister!

MACON ADDS ULYANOVSK, RUSSIA AS ITS NEWEST SISTER CITY! Sisterhood figuratively is, of course, part of any Wesleyan experience. Through a relationship of sisterhood with its Russian partner Ulyanovsk State University (USU), Wesleyan has fostered an environment conducive to the sharing of ideas with beneficiaries extending well beyond the two campuses. This traditional collegiate ideal was established officially as a relationship between the two cities during an April Macon City Council meeting with the approval of a resolution to invite the City of Ulyanovsk to become Macon's newest Sister City. The decision represents the culmination of five years of meetings and discussions spearheaded by Wesleyan College and the beginning of endless possibilities for cross-cultural exchange of diplomacy, as well as economic and cultural educational opportunities. What began as a simple foreign exchange student program has developed into a relationship of sisterhood with broader implications and a model of excellence for ambassadorship and global community leadership.

Eighty-four graduate students, representing four Executive Master of Business Administration (EMBA) Cohorts and special guests, have traveled to Russia under the foreign exchange student agreement established in 1999 with USU located in Ulyanovsk about 400 miles southeast of Moscow.

FROM BUSINESS CONCEPTS TO COMMUNITY OUTREACH. Thinking globally quickly developed into acting globally. While accompanying EMBA students to Russia, Vice President Steve Farr saw an opportunity to combine his involvement as the chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Georgia Industrial Children's Home (GICH) with the relationship building and educational exchange occurring among our students traveling to Russia.

"The mother of one of our former Russian exchange students is a teacher at a Russian orphanage. She invited us to tour their facility during our 2004 trip. Impressed by the experience, we wanted to help develop programs that could cross cultures and be of benefit to less fortunate Russian and American children," said Farr. "My roles with Wesleyan and the Children's Home complement one another given Wesleyan's emphasis on community engagement and service. Our students are great supporters of the children's home and often volunteer their time, talent and money."

GICH's Trustee Chair of the Program Committee, their CFO, and Executive Director Brian Evans attended Wesleyan's 2005 EMBA trip. As a result, Wesleyan has taken an important role in breaking new ground globally and uniting key people to effect positive changes for children in both regions.

"Since that trip, the Georgia Industrial Children's Home, with the assistance of Wesleyan College and Ulyanovsk State University, began a new aspect of outreach through a Memorandum of Understanding," said Evans. "This effort started with a realization of the need for quality services both here and in that part of the world. We worked out programs that would serve children on both sides of the ocean through joint training, staff exchanges, and the development of an art sales program that will bring profits directly to the children who create the art. While we were in Ulyanovsk, we saw many opportunities to learn from one another and provide assistance that can improve the quality of life for children in the different orphanages."

Some of the most significant aspects of these exchanges are simple day-to-day interactions. Vice President Farr recalled attending a celebration with orphanage children and villagers in a remote area outside of Ulyanovsk where he met an elderly Russian man. Through interpreters, the man explained that Farr was the first American he had ever met. The man expressed his fear toward America and explained that, prior to their meeting, he thought Americans only wanted to destroy him and his country with nuclear missiles. After having met Farr, the man realized Americans should be friends rather than enemies. As a gesture of sincerity, the Russian man offered Farr his wristwatch.

Photos left to right: 2006 Russian exchange graduates, a Russian tradition, Cherry Blossom performance.

"That watch is sitting on my desk today. I keep it as a reminder of the value, power, and possibilities associated with cultural exchange," said Farr.

As a result of the successful networking which occurred during their participation with Wesleyan's EMBA trip, Farr and Evans organized a return trip this spring comprised solely of children's home administrators and business leaders throughout the Southeast interested in collaboratively helping children in Russian orphanages.

According to Anatoli Chmelev, a member of the Committee for Social and Youth Policy of the USU Board of Trustees, "Cooperation of Ulyanovsk State University and Wesleyan College serves as an example of wonderful joint educational work. The schools' activity is not only aimed at strengthening and developing academic ties but also includes joint programs for children of the children's facilities in the Ulyanovsk area and the Georgia Industrial Children's Home."

Wesleyan's relationship with USU, established as a five-year agreement, has already been renewed by President Ruth Knox for another five years. Under the exchange program, USU sends two rising-senior business students to Wesleyan for undergraduate degree completion each year. After an additional year at USU, the students also earn a degree from there. With an American BBA and a Russian degree in world economy, they are extremely well prepared for a successful career in international business. In exchange, each year Wesleyan normally sends a cohort of EMBA students to Russia for an intensive two-week immersion program in Moscow and the Ulyanovsk region. This year, Wesleyan has three business students from USU instead of just two. Marina Petrova, Zilya Shakirova, and Elena Dunaeva, Wesleyan's 2006 USU exchange students, were recognized publicly at the April Macon City Council meeting for their roles as ambassadors in building the new Sister City relationship between Macon and Ulyanovsk. They serve as excellent representatives of both regions.

USU President Yuri Polyanskov said of the successful relationship, "I am very grateful

to Wesleyan senior administrators, including President Knox, Vice-President Farr and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Tom Bass, for offering our students the unique opportunity of completing their BBA degrees at the college. For all our exchange participants, exposure to a different academic culture and work ethic becomes a truly formative experience, which forever changes their way of thinking. It is with pride and admiration that I have watched our relationship with Wesleyan College steadily progress from simple academic exchange to major community involvement, which is consistent with our vision of the university as a facilitator of communication and agent of change." In recognition of this work, President Knox, Steve Farr and Tom Bass have been presented honorary doctorate degrees from Ulyanovsk State University.

FROM OUTREACH TO SISTERHOOD.

Economically and culturally, the exchange of ideas has already gained momentum. More than 130 individuals have participated in the exchange relationship, from students and scholars to diplomats, business and community leaders, and artists.

Russian business leaders are capitalizing on the opportunity to learn from American business models. In November 2003, Wesleyan invited USU trustees to participate in a Wesleyan College trustee meeting. They accepted and have since incorporated some of Wesleyan's governance committee concepts at USU. In 2005, the US Embassy in Moscow hosted a special symposium for Russian universities and invited USU to give a presentation on their relationship with Wesleyan. By showcasing this relationship and how it had grown to incorporate a number of different events and programs, the embassy hoped that it would serve as a model for other universities throughout Russia. Additionally, Wesleyan's interest in the Russian region opened the door to other opportunities where cultural experiences could be shared.

During the 2004 EMBA Cohort trip, at the request of Macon, Ga. International Cherry Blossom Festival officials, Wesleyan invited Russia to be a featured country for the 2005 festival. One Russian trustee videotaped his experience at the festival for broadcast back home. The First Secretary

of the Russian Embassy traveled from Washington, DC, to join the governmental leaders during the festival and praised the organizers of such cultural programs that bring people together.

Tatiana Nikitina, USU Vice President for International Relations and Corporate Policy, and Dean of Faculty of Culture and Art said, "As ambassadors of goodwill our faculty members and students have showcased their talent at numerous international events, the Cherry Blossom Festival in Macon being no doubt the most significant one. I remember long months of planning and preparation filled with eager anticipation and arduous work of many people, both here and in Macon, who joined forces to make our trip happen. The festival will always stand out in our minds as a lively and spirited celebration, a truly bonding experience, which we were honored and happy to be part of."

During the festival, what had begun as an academic partnership blossomed into a sisterhood through nurtured human connections. The trend of a global economy, within the context of a Wesleyan educational experience, includes networking in its most dynamic capacities. Global economy translates to global community, and students clearly recognize that partnerships grounded in this philosophy just make good business sense.

"Successful collaboration of USU and Wesleyan College particularly resulted in inviting USU as a representative of Russia to take part in the international 23rd Annual Cherry Blossom Festival," said Serguei Krynine, member of the Committee for Social and Youth Policy of the USU Board of Trustees. "I rapturously recall the days of the Festival in Macon and the marvelous welcome extended to us by our American friends. Over the years of joint work we as official partners have really turned into cordial friends. And this is the main thing."

Just at press time, Wesleyan officials were informed that Macon's International Cherry Blossom Festival has decided to again feature Russia, represented by our new sister city of Ulyanovsk, during the 2007 festival.



Dr. Holly Boettger-Tong and Erin Rooney



Small Size **BIG** SUCCESS

Wesleyan College has been recognized for its extraordinary success in the prestigious Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowship Award program. In the last ten years, Wesleyan has claimed seven recipients of the prestigious fellowship, a rare distinction for a college of Wesleyan's size.

"We would expect to see that success rate at a large research university with a student enrollment of 30,000 or more," remarked Maria Free, national director of fellowships for the honor society. "Wesleyan's extraordinary record is directly attributed to the quality of its student body and the involvement of its faculty and staff."

Since 1996, only fifteen other colleges and universities in Phi Kappa Phi's Category I of 5,000 students or less have claimed recipients of the award. Wesleyan College is the smallest of those, but is competing with (and out-ranking) the category's larger universities like University of Tulsa, US Military Academy, and Elon University, each of which have almost eight times Wesleyan's enrollment.

Founded in 1897, Phi Kappa Phi is the country's oldest national honor society and recognizes academic excellence in all fields of higher education. The graduate fellowship award is given annually to outstanding students for their first year of graduate study. Only sixty scholarships were awarded

"I know of no other college of Wesleyan's size that has fared so well in the competition."

nationally this year on a competitive basis. Nominees for the awards must be members of the society, inducted during their junior or senior year of undergraduate study.

According to Free, the Fellowship Committee wouldn't notice a college's size because it is not a factor in determining the awards. But she noted that it is an interesting factor when comparing a college's success rate in the award arena, and serves as a strong indicator of the academic climate of Wesleyan College.

Phi Kappa Phi National Headquarters Executive Director Perry Snyder said, "I know of no other college of Wesleyan's size that has fared so well in the competition."

The Wesleyan chapter was established in 1969. Only juniors who are in the upper 7.5 percent and seniors in the upper 10 percent of their classes may be considered for membership. Character and service are also important criteria for membership, according to Wesleyan Dean Delmas Crisp, Ph.D.

Recent Wesleyan College graduate Erin Michelle Rooney of New Orleans, LA, was awarded a Phi Kappa Phi Graduate

Fellowship for 2005-2006. This \$5,000 fellowship will help fund Rooney's pursuit of a master's degree in genetic counseling at Northwestern University. She graduated *magna cum laude* from Wesleyan in 2005 with a degree in biology. She also earned departmental honors in natural sciences and mathematics.

Other Wesleyan graduates and fellowship award recipients are Virginia Dicken '03, Chenny Gan '02, Hannah Callender '01, Missy Graham '00, Janet Fallon '97, and Sherry Neal '96.

In addition to Wesleyan's success in the Fellowship arena, 2006 *summa cum laude* graduate Lindsay Rosenquist received the newly established Phi Kappa Phi Study Abroad Scholarship last year. A Wesleyan Honors Program student and international relations major, she studied in Berlin, Germany, during the summer of 2005. After four weeks at an intensive language school, she interned for six weeks in the law department of a German lobbying firm, translating legal documents for the European Parliament. Rosenquist, plans to pursue the Masters International Program through the Peace Corps.

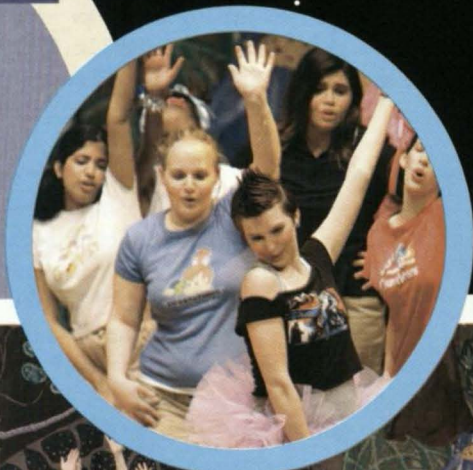
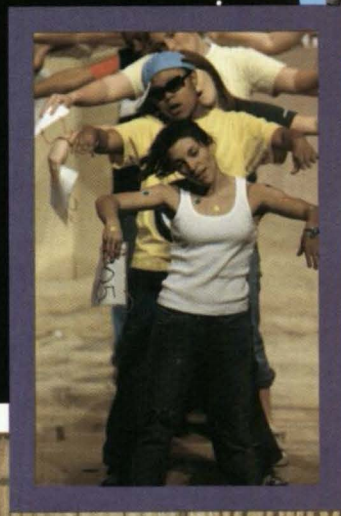
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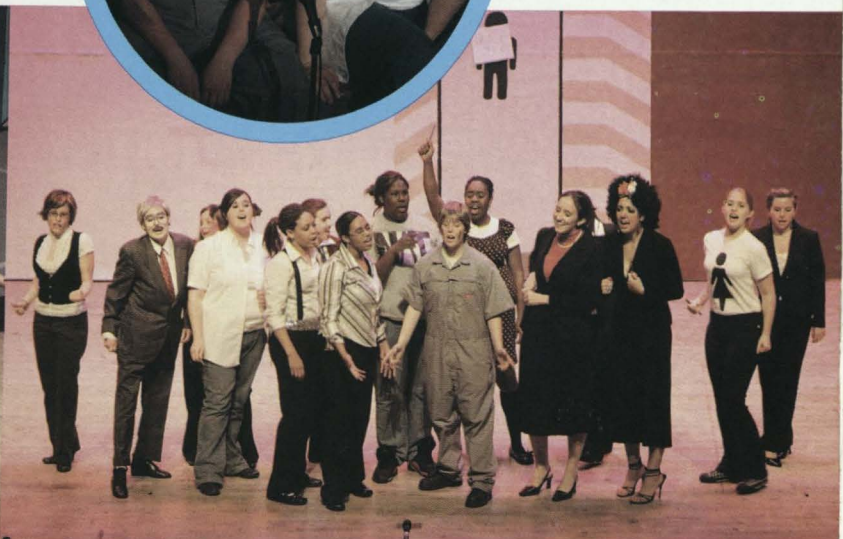
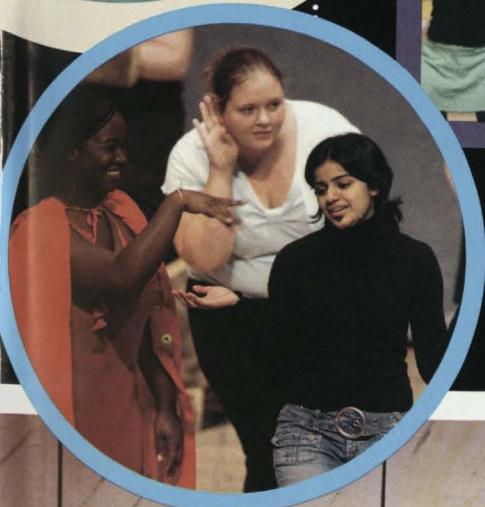
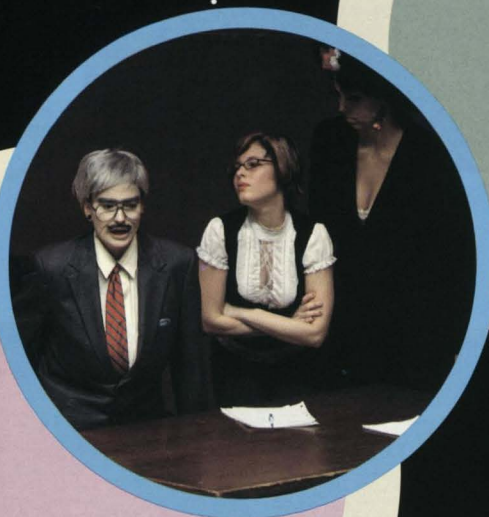


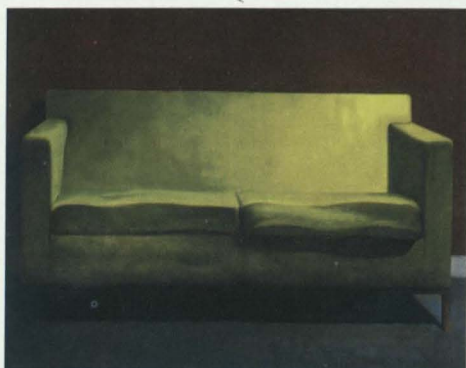
Congratulations to the Purple Knight Class of 2006: Spirit Cup and STUNT Cup winners!

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Charles Ladson Exhibition

Members of the local arts community packed the Cowles Myles Collier East Gallery during the opening reception of Charles Ladson's exhibition on January 19, 2006. Ladson is a native of Macon and the grandson of local arts benefactor Betty Sweet Simmons. He recently received his MFA from the University of Georgia and was invited by the Wesleyan faculty to exhibit a selection of new work in the East Gallery through February. Measuring 46" x 60", Ladson's *Couch* (pictured) was one in the exhibition of new contemporary oil on canvas paintings which included many large-scale landscapes and interior spaces.

Endowed Chairs Named

Faculty members Dr. Barbara Donovan and Dr. Matt Martin were awarded endowed chairs this year at Wesleyan.

Dr. Donovan was awarded the **Dupont Guerry Chair of History and Economics**, an endowed chair created in 1922 by a generous gift from Judge John F. Candler in honor of Dupont Guerry who served as the eleventh president of Wesleyan from 1903-1909.

Dr. Martin was awarded the **Knox Chair of Humanities**, which was created as part of Wesleyan's Tradition and Vision Alumnae Campaign in 1992 through the generosity of Peter S. Knox, Jr. and Robert E. Knox in honor of their wives, Wesleyan alumnae, Mary Lyles Aiken Knox '34 and Ruth Hall Knox '40.

"Being named to an endowed chair is high praise to these faculty for their excellence in the classroom, their outstanding professional and scholarly achievements, and their loyal and faithful service to the College," said Dean Delmas Crisp, Ph.D., in a ceremony honoring the faculty members. Dr. Donovan graduated from Tufts University, earned her master's degree from the University of London, and her Ph.D. from Georgetown University, specializing in Comparative Politics. She has taught at Wesleyan for ten years and currently serves as Chair of the Department of History, Politics, and Sociocultural Studies. In addition to her specialty in Comparative Politics, she teaches courses in International Relations, International Political Economy, Political Theory, and American Politics.

Dr. Donovan's publications and conference presentations span a wide array of topics from German and European politics, and Central and Eastern Europe, to the use of technology in the classroom, and women and women's education. Her awards and distinctions are many, including: the Governor's Teaching Fellowship, the Social Science Research Council Berlin Program Fellowship, the Vulcan Teaching Excellence Award, and the Ann Munck Award for Excellence in Teaching.

In addition, Dr. Donovan has given Wesleyan exemplary service, working on the SACS Reaffirmation of Accreditation Leadership Team, co-chairing the Qualitative Enhancement Plan Steering Committee and helping to write our Quality Enhancement Plan; and serving on Wesleyan's Faculty Council, Strategic Planning Committee, Institutional Effectiveness and Budgeting Committee, Study Abroad Committee, Retention Committee, and Instructional Technology Committee – and that's only in the last two years!

A graduate of Furman University and Oxford University, Dr. Martin earned his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia in 1994 and began teaching at Wesleyan the same year. He has received numerous fellowships and scholarships, including the DuPont Fellowship and the Rhodes Scholarship; research grants, including the Rhodes Consultation on Church-Related Colleges from the Lilly Foundation; writing



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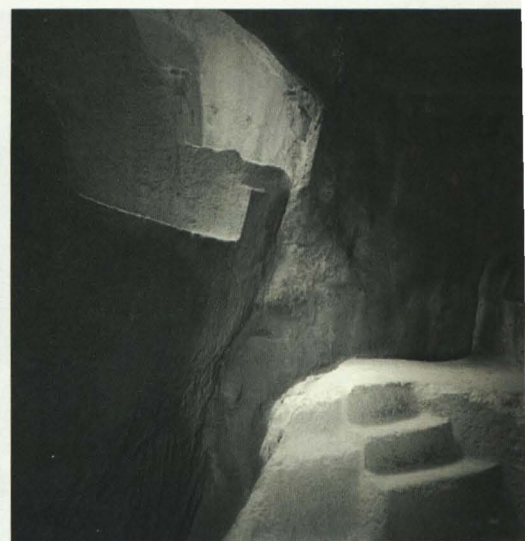
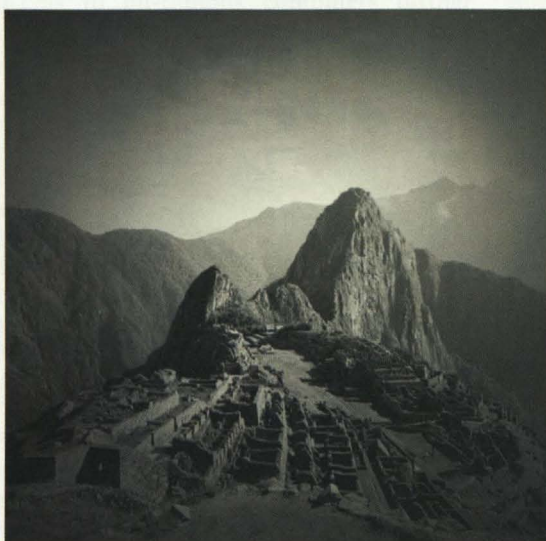
awards, including being named a semi-finalist and finalist two successive years in the William Faulkner Creative Writing Contest for two different novels-in-progress; teaching awards, including the United Methodist Church Exemplary Teacher Award and the coveted Ann Munck Award for Excellence in Teaching, and has been named a Governor's Teaching Fellow. Currently serving as Chair of the Division of Humanities, Dr. Martin has published articles in *The Southern Literary Journal* and the *Southern Quarterly* among other journals, and he has presented papers on Emily Dickinson, Flannery O'Connor, Eudora Welty, Toni Morrison, and other American women writers.

Among his many Wesleyan contributions, he recently co-chaired (with President Knox) the Strategic Planning Committee, co-chaired the Institutional Renewal Group, chaired Faculty Council, was a member of the Institutional Effectiveness and Budgeting Committee, helped write Wesleyan's Quality Enhancement Plan, wrote successful grant proposals to the Georgia Council on the Arts and the Georgia Humanities Council, and organized and hosted an interdisciplinary conference entitled "Writing on Masks: Women's Lives in the South."



WESLEYAN PROFESSOR DR. CATHERINE MEEKS continues to earn recognition for her work in the community. In December, she hosted a long-awaited visit to Aunt Maggie's Kitchen Table by former first Lady Rosalynn Carter. Also that month she was awarded the Robert F. Hatcher Distinguished Alumnus Award by Leadership Macon. Her newly published *Standing on Their Shoulders* received a great deal of attention during February and March with

excerpts appearing in several local publications and a special program on Macon's CBS affiliate, 13WMAZ. She was presented with a Lifetime Service Award in recognition of her work with women by the Macon Mayor's Office during the city's Women's History Month Celebration. Additionally, she is one of ten community leaders who have been selected to serve on 13WMAZ's Editorial Board.



Professor Donates Photographic Research Archive

Wesleyan College Adjunct Professor of Art Fernando La Rosa has announced his decision to donate a large collection of his work to the college establishing a research archive of more than 200 photographs on archaeological sites in Peru and Mexico. The collection will be housed in Wesleyan's Lucy Lester Willet Memorial Library and will be a valuable resource to students and visiting scholars researching art, architecture, history, archaeology, and anthropology. The college hopes to supplement the donation of photographs with a collection of related books to increase Wesleyan's value as a research location for indigenous cultures.

Included in the donated collection are the photographs in La Rosa's *Sacred Places* body of work, which will be on exhibit at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in

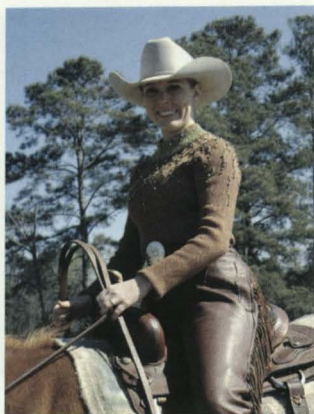
the Atrium Gallery this September. The black and white photographs document pre-Columbian art and architecture of Peru and Mexico. La Rosa artistically captures sacred places of Macchu Picchu, Sacsahuaman, Kenko, Ollantaytambo, and Chavin de Huantar in Peru, plus Monte Alban, Mitla, and Tula in Mexico.

Exhibiting in the Atrium Gallery is by invitation only, and this is La Rosa's second opportunity to show in this space. During the spring of 2003, he was invited to display *Still, Life*, a selection of photographs that examine language and time through the genre of still life.

La Rosa is also preparing for two major solo exhibitions coming in 2008. He will exhibit new work in April, 2008 in Atlanta

at the Sandler Hudson Gallery, and a retrospective at the Instituto Cultural Peruano-Norteamericano in Peru is scheduled for October, 2008.

La Rosa has presented solo exhibitions in several states plus Mexico, Peru, Jamaica, and the Dominican Republic. He earned his BFA at Escuela Nacional de Bellas Artes in Lima, Peru and his MFA at Tulane University in New Orleans, LA. His work can be found in the permanent collections of Metropolitan Museum of Art, New Orleans Museum of Art, Atlanta's High Museum of Art, Rhode Island Museum, Art Institute of Chicago, Princeton Art Museum, and other major museums worldwide.



Wesleyan Selected to Host IHSA Regional Horse Show

Wesleyan College hosted the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association Region 3, Zone 5 Horse Show competition in March at the Nancy Ellis Knox Equestrian Center.

According to Wesleyan College Equestrian Team Coach Melissa Williams, "It was a great honor and privilege to host the Regionals show at our beautiful facility. The best riders from more than a dozen collegiate equestrian teams traveled to our campus and competed in this event. Two of our riders, senior Jenna Miller Jones (*pictured*) and first-year Amanda Dotson represented Wesleyan College in the competition this year, placing in three different divisions."



"It is rewarding to watch these students grow both in terms of their spirituality and in the ability to witness publicly in their own way,"

Wesleyan Disciples celebrate successful first year.

Wesleyan College, as part of its ongoing mission to encourage service based learning and leadership, developed an innovative new student program in 2005 under the inspiring leadership of beloved College Chaplain Reverend Bill Hurdle. Chosen from several denominations and from across academic class lines, fourteen young women have formed the nucleus of the new Wesleyan Disciples, a Christian-based spiritual witness group. The program is centered on four specific commitments:

Spiritual Formation: participation in all Christian witness opportunities on campus.

Intentional Study: participation with Rev. Hurdle in a weekly study of the Bible or some specific Christian theological question.

Servant Leadership: participation in a volunteer service opportunity with a United Methodist agency or the Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service.

Health and Wellness: practice of a healthy lifestyle.

In return for their commitment to study, service, and leadership in the program, student disciples are awarded \$1000 scholarships each year in which they serve. Bringing faith and service into the overall college experience produces a joyful spirit of caring and generosity that is powerful, contagious and fun. These young women and those who follow their examples will be Christian leaders, support the college chaplain in his services, and continue their study of the Christian faith so that it will abide in their hearts and lend to service throughout their lives.

According to Rev. Hurdle, the program is already making a major spiritual impact on the campus. "It is rewarding to watch these students grow both in terms of their spirituality and in the ability to witness publicly in their own way," says Rev. Hurdle. "This transformation is spilling over into the lives of many others."

Photo: Reverend Bill Hurdle leads a group of Wesleyan disciples in prayer.

*A unique opportunity
for business to make a
difference in our schools
and our community.*



Pioneer Program Addresses Teacher Shortage

Like many Georgia school districts, Bibb County's severe teacher shortage, especially in its high-needs schools, often makes recruiting qualified teachers difficult.

Wesleyan's one-year-old Pioneer Teachers Program takes historically excellent academic know-how, financial support from the business community, and the untapped potential offered by paraprofessionals in high-needs Bibb County Public Schools to create a winning combination that will truly make a difference for thousands of children:

Already acclimated to the challenges facing urban schools, these dedicated paraprofessionals are primarily women who want to work in an environment where they can have a positive effect in their communities.

The Pioneer Teachers Program takes the most qualified of these women – those with some college, or degrees in other fields – and offers them a financially viable opportunity to become certified teachers by attending courses in the evening and summer. In return, each signs a contract to commit to at least three years upon graduating to teaching in low-performing, high-needs Bibb County schools.

Many of these future teachers are single mothers with restricted budgets, so scholarships and need-based financial assistance are essential to the success of this program, according to Wesleyan Vice President for Institutional Advancement Debbie Smith.

"In addition to business support, some Title I funding was secured toward the initial group of seven students," Smith said. "Still, to help them take ownership of their achievements, each must invest twenty percent of her tuition, while scholarship assistance covers eighty percent, or about \$5,000 per student for each full year." She added that students

also may apply for standard financial aid toward their personal obligation. Free child care Monday through Thursday evenings and access to on-campus computers further benefit Pioneer students.

A member of the program's first class and a mass communications graduate of Savannah State College, Tawana Rhodes (*pictured*) never felt she belonged in that field. A single mother working in retail management, she was looking for something with better hours when a customer recommended she apply as a substitute teacher. She did and was soon tapped to substitute for a mid-year vacancy. When the teacher was replaced the following fall, Rhodes stayed on as a paraprofessional. "I really feel called to be a teacher," said the Burghard Elementary paraprofessional. "I was not wanting to go back to school, but the way this opportunity came to me – the schedule, the scholarship, and extra financial aid – I know the Lord brought it to me."

Outstanding teachers will always be at the heart of true education reform. But producing them takes funding. That's where local businesses come in with scholarships enabling Wesleyan to keep tuition affordable and services exceptional.

"When Capital City Bank was approached about this program, we were immediately impressed by the potential return an investment like this offers our community," said Community President Steve Jukes. Capital City Bank, a \$2.4 billion super community bank with aggressive expansion plans in Georgia, was the first Pioneer Teachers Program business partner, and has served as an inspiration to others.

"It's very exciting to support a scholarship for the inaugural cohort who will, in just a few years, share their love of learning with children who so desperately need it," said Jukes.

Church & State in America:

*Renowned visiting scholar
lectures at Wesleyan*

Ralph Ketcham, Ph.D., renowned scholar on democracy and the American founding, addressed an area of significant contemporary concern through his campus lecture on *Church & State in America* this spring.

Widely recognized as an expert in American history and political theory, Dr. Ketcham has authored and edited numerous books concentrating on James Madison, Benjamin Franklin, the framers of the Constitution, and America's founding fathers. He remains highly sought after as a visiting professor and has lectured in his academic field worldwide. Dr. Ketcham was on the Wesleyan campus spring semester as a visiting scholar from Syracuse University, accompanied by his wife Julia (also a visiting scholar from Syracuse), who is a native of Macon and a Wesleyan alumna, Class of 1958.

"Dr. Ketcham is an expert on the American founding, and he does an excellent job of putting current debates into perspective. The relationship between church and state is a matter of perennial controversy, and Dr. Ketcham is the perfect person to shed new light on it. We were fortunate to have him here at Wesleyan," said Wesleyan College Assistant Professor of Political Science Dr. Thomas Ellington.

The Gift of a Lifetime

The day after Christmas in 1980 Mary Elizabeth Lockwood Curry '47 wrote an impassioned letter to the Wesleyan Alumnae Association to say: "The heritage of our school must be preserved. For many years, when the education of women was considered unimportant, Wesleyan offered an opportunity for them to realize their potential." Although a loyal alumna throughout the course of her lifetime, Mrs. Curry stunned the college 25 years later with a magnificent seven-figure estate gift – ensuring that the Wesleyan College legacy will continue for years to come.

The daughter of a local pharmacist, Mary Beth was well known in her hometown of Brunswick, Georgia. According to Clinton O. Pearson, Mrs. Curry's attorney and friend, she possessed an uncommon beauty, bearing a striking resemblance to 1940s screen siren Susan Hayward. An independent and fun loving teen, she could often be seen cruising through town in her Cadillac, earning herself the nickname "the belle of Brunswick." This belle had more than beauty and wealth, though, graduating as valedictorian of Glynn Academy in 1943.

The only child of Fred and Ida Roberts Lockwood, Mary Beth was close to her parents and relied on their encouragement when choosing a college. Upon her mother's death, Mrs. Curry wrote Wesleyan to say: "It was [my mother's] wish that I attend Wesleyan. I'll always be grateful for the education my parents so willingly provided." Mary Beth attended Wesleyan for only one year (1943-1944), but her first-year experience shaped much of her thinking for the rest of her life.

Mary Beth's departure at the close of her freshman year is a bit mysterious. Some of Mrs. Curry's friends believe that she left Wesleyan for the University of North Carolina because, as she liked to joke, there were "seven men to one woman" on the Chapel Hill campus. However, she was also serious about following in her father's footsteps to become a pharmacist, and she completed an A.B. in Chemistry in 1947 and graduated with a B.S. in pharmacy from UNC in 1949.

Upon graduating, Mary Beth returned to Brunswick to help her father operate Lockwood Pharmacy. Pearson reports that Mrs. Curry was "very much a feminist." In the post-World War II years when most women were settling into roles as wives and mothers, Mary Beth focused on her family's business, relishing her

independence. Her father passed away in 1963, and she operated the pharmacy as sole proprietor until her retirement in the mid-1970s.

In 1978, Mary Beth Lockwood married Chapman K. Curry, known around Brunswick as "C. K." Their courtship and subsequent marriage surprised the local community. Mary Beth was known to be independent and reclusive by nature, whereas C. K. was a county commissioner who loved to throw gourmet dinner parties for his friends. They honeymooned coast to coast across the United States, beginning at the Cloister on Sea Island and rounding out their trip in the Hawaiian Islands. Sadly, Mr. Curry fell ill and passed away just after their second anniversary, and Mrs. Curry spent the rest of her life largely confined to their large white house in Brunswick.

A year after her death, their home still reflects the independent, intelligent, and whimsical spirit of Mary Beth Lockwood Curry. Pearson, who is administering Mrs. Curry's estate, has found some delightful surprises while meticulously combing through his friend's belongings, but her last will and testament surprised him the most. After weeks of searching, he located her will hidden away in a drawer, covered by a UNC blanket. Mary Beth often told friends that her college days were the best years of her life. Accordingly, she divided the majority of her significant estate between Wesleyan College, in memory of her mother, and the University of North Carolina School of Pharmacy, in memory of her father; Byromville United Methodist Church and the First United Methodist Church of Brunswick also received substantial sums from Mrs. Curry's estate.

Informed by her education at Wesleyan and the changing attitudes toward women she saw throughout her life, Mrs. Curry ended her Christmas note in 1980 with, "It seems to me the most important aspect of the women's movement is to encourage us to show more concern for our 'sisters' and work for their betterment." The generosity of this independent, intelligent, and exemplary alumna gives great strength and encouragement to her alma mater as the Wesleyan community strives in myriad ways to improve the lives of women on our campus, in the local community, and the greater world around us.

-ANGEL FEIGHTNER, *Wesleyan College special funds officer*



Alumnae

Club News

The Wesleyan alumnae club network offers members opportunities for volunteer service and creative leadership. For active members, participating in club activities increases awareness of the importance of staying involved with the college and with other alumnae. Sharing the commonality and diversity of "the Wesleyan experience" with others serves to strengthen our own ties to the college. Networking with Wesleyan women to create a foundation of support for the college and with each other is rewarding and fun. Join the alumnae club network and stay connected! For more information about an alumnae club in your area or forming a new group, contact Cathy Snow, director of alumnae affairs, at csnow@wesleyancollege.edu.

Alabama

Birmingham

In October, area alumnae met with Wesleyan President **Ruth A. Knox '75** for dinner and an update on the college at The Club in Birmingham. **Maude Williamson Garner '45** arranged for dinner in The Club's State Room, which included a breathtaking view of the city from atop Red Mountain. **Madge Hill Sidwell '53** also served as an alumna hostess. **Natalie Puckett Evans '02**, director of annual giving, and **Cathy Coxey Snow '71**, alumnae director, were also on hand to greet alumnae and guests.



A Presidential Welcome: (From left) Alumnae hostesses Madge Sidwell and Maude Garner welcome Ruth Knox to Birmingham.



Two Janets: (From left) Classmates Janet Ort '78 and Janet Keys '78 enjoy dinner at The Club.



Meet and Greet at The Club: (From left) Madge Sidwell, Wesleyan guest Natalie Evans, Jo Anne Miller Gaede '61, and Linda Chambers Mahan '61 in Birmingham.

Arizona



Phoenix

Wesleyan Alumna Trustee **Virginia Sumerford York '60** shared news from the college with Phoenix area alumnae at a *Dutch Treat Dinner* in October. Alumnae hostesses **Susan Selensky '96** and **Cathy Mettetal Caskey '69** planned the event at Mimi's Café in Mesa, Arizona.

Wesleyan out West: (From left) Virginia York, Cathy Caskey, Debbie McGee Ambrose '84 and Susan Selensky enjoy a "Wesleyan out West" visit.

Georgia

Atlanta

In August, the Atlanta Young Alumnae group welcomed new students and their parents at a party hosted by Alumna Trustee **Mary Catherine Collins O'Kelley '72**. A fall luncheon held at Maggiano's Buckhead featured **Pat Hardeman '68**, associate dean and registrar, who presented her popular *Wesleyan Tales from the Vault* to club members and friends. The club's area past presidents, as well as Atlanta area past presidents of the Wesleyan College Alumnae Association (WCAA), were honored at the luncheon. In December, Atlanta alumnae celebrated the holidays with two events. Members met for *Christmas on the Northside: A Holiday Brunch* at the First United Methodist Church in Marietta followed by a tour of local homes and antique shops coordinated by **Becky Edenfield Lingerfelt '71** and **Linda Hiller LeSueur '69**. At *Christmas on the Southside*, members enjoyed wine, cheese, and desserts at the home of Natalie Evans. The Club raised funds by selling Wesleyan plates and trivets featuring different Wesleyan scenes at the *Wesleyan Marketplace* held during Alumnae Weekend. Atlanta Club President **Missy Ryan '98** greeted College Chaplain Bill Hurdle at the *Spring Luncheon*, where he spoke on "Wesleyan College, Grounded in Faith."

Golden Isles

(St. Simons Island/Brunswick)

Mary Tappan Garrison '46 hosted the club's annual *Holiday Coffee* in her historic home on St. Simons Island. Alumnae guests also enjoyed hearing a Wesleyan news update from Cathy Snow.

Holiday Greetings from the Island: (From left) Jodi Miller '03 and hostess Mary Garrison greet other members of the Golden Isles alumnae group at the annual holiday coffee.



Macon

The Macon Club Young Alumnae Group, spearheaded by co-leaders **Heather Poindexter '05** and **Lindsay Abernethy '00** has had an eventful year. In October, the group hosted a *Cheer on the Pioneers* reception for the Wesleyan Pioneer soccer team after the Wesleyan vs. LaGrange College home game at Mathews Athletic Center. The group also provided refreshments for spectators and friends of both teams during the game. In December, current Wesleyan students enjoyed *An Evening at the Macon Nutcracker* courtesy of the Macon Young Alumnae, and enjoyed a reception in the home of Lindsay Abernethy before the Grand Opera House performance. The young alumnae group also participated in *WOW: A Day for Macon* by volunteering to serve in the community, and sold concessions for the INHS Horse Show at the Nancy Ellis Knox Equestrian Center this spring. The Macon Young Alumnae group meets monthly at local area restaurants and in alumnae homes. **Judy Warren Edwards '67** hosted the Macon Club's traditional *Holiday Coffee* in December. Area members from the Classes of 1930-1955 and their guests were invited to a Valentine's Day "Afternoon of Sweet Delights," where soprano **Ellen Futral Hanson '83**, visiting adjunct instructor of music, and accompanist Dr. Michael McGhee, assistant professor of music and college organist, performed love songs in the Burden Parlor. Afterward, alumnae guests continued the tradition of sharing their own special Wesleyan "love stories."



Macon Club Coffee: (From left) Hostess Judy Edwards (third from left) welcomes alumnae association past presidents Karen Conner Shockley '63, Nina Sheppard Terrell '58, Jackie Davis Richardson '60, and other Macon Club members sporting their holiday colors.

Macon Club Young Alumnae: (Photos below left and center) Alumnae enjoy a December reception with students, and sell concessions at the INHS Horse Show.

An Afternoon of Sweet Delights: (Below, right) Macon alumnae enjoy music by Ellen Hanson and Dr. Michael McGhee.



Savannah

Savannah Club alumnae rang in the season at a *Holiday Wine and Cheese* party hosted by George and **Petal Gibbons Montis '66** at their home in historic downtown Savannah. Wesleyan guest Cathy Snow shared news from the college that included the many ways in which Wesleyan students are committed to service in the Macon community. Savannah Club President **Elizabeth Mathis '96** was on hand to greet alumnae and their guests.



A Christmas Postcard from Savannah: (From left) Hostess Petal Montis welcomes Cathy Snow, Elizabeth Mathis, Kendall Bowles '91 and other Savannah area alumnae.

Tennessee

Chattanooga

A record number of Chattanooga area alumnae attended the *Luncheon with the President* in November. Alumnae and friends gathered at the Southside Grill in Chattanooga to meet with Wesleyan President Ruth Knox and hear an update on the college. Alumnae Association President **Debbie Stevenson Moses '89** was on hand to welcome alumnae. Other Wesleyan guests included **Debbie Jones Smith '76**, vice president for institutional advancement, and Cathy Snow. **Dell Hitchcock Bailey '69**, **MaryStewart Glendenning Lewis '92**, **Stephanie Pate Lewis '97** and **Jody Bethea Riggs '88**, served as alumnae hostesses and helped with plans for an afternoon filled with great Wesleyan conversations.



A Tennessee Treat: (From left) Debbie Moses and alumnae hostesses Jody Riggs, Stephanie Lewis, MaryStewart Lewis, and Dell Bailey welcome Ruth Knox to Chattanooga.



More Southside Smiles: Chattanooga alumnae enjoy luncheon at Southside Grill.

Upper Mid-West

Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Iowa

Michele Arduengo '88 and **Sarah Marshall Nester '99** are calling all Wesleyan women who are developing their snow-shoveling skills in the upper Midwest to join them in a casual and fun Wesleyan day. The two had to take a rain check on their Upper Mid-West *Meet and Greet Luncheon* in October but look forward to planning another get-together for alumnae living in the region. Stay tuned.

Births and Family Additions

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Holly Thorp Heath '85 and Ben Anderson of Albany, Ga., on the birth of a son, Robert Heath Anderson, on August 7, 2005.

Margaret McKnight Karrh '87 and Mats of Alachua, Fla., on the birth of a son, Sean McKnight Troedsson, on April 27, 2005.

Lura Harrell Hammock '89 and Randall of Newnan, Ga., on the birth of a son, Mark Bridges, on October 28, 2005. Baby Mark joins big brother Luke (10).

Alice Armitage Fendley '90 and Mark of Moore, S.C., on the birth of a son, Asa Paul Fendley, on August 9, 2005.

Tonya Brown Wilson '90 and Brad of Monroe, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Hailey Amanda Wilson, on February 9, 2006. Hailey joins big sisters Melanie (5) and Heather (2).

Claire Hightower Evans '90 and husband Tom of Lilburn, Georgia adopted John Paul Evans from Guatemala. He came home to join big brother Eli in the fall of 2005.

Barbara Summers Blevins '93 and Cameron of Knoxville, Tenn., on the birth of a son, William Ellis Blevins, on July 29, 2005.

Janelle Reynolds-Fleming '94 and Jason of Morehead City, N.C., on the birth of a daughter, Bryn Fleming, on December 1, 2005.

Valerie Huron Brewer '96 and Wayne of Hixson, Tenn., on the birth of a daughter, Courtney, on November 24, 2004.

Joy Joyner Logan '97 and Raymond of Havana, Fla., on the birth of a daughter, Emma Elizabeth, on November 7, 2004.

Suzanne Grigsby Wieschorster '97 and Matt of Warner Robins, Ga., on the birth of a second son, Jackson Elvis "Jack" Wieschorster, on December 15, 2005.

Amanda Benson Gay '99 and James of Macon on the birth of a daughter, Kyla Rose Gay, on September 29, 2005. Mother and daughter are doing great!

Joanne Sales Ingram '01 and Jason of Acworth, Ga., on the birth of a son, Joshua, in September 2005.

Andrea Morgan Mendez '01 and David of Covington, Ga., on the birth of a son, David Moises Mendez Jr., on May 10, 2005.

Angela Weddington Varisco '01 and Brian of Denver, Colo., on the birth of a daughter, Ansley, on December 28, 2005.

Olutayo Sowemimo '05 of McDonough, Ga., on the birth of a daughter, Aubrionne Sanae Alston, on May 6, 2005.

Got Questions?

Q. I'm not receiving my Wesleyan mail. Whom do I contact?

A. Contact the Alumnae Office at (478) 757-5172 or e-mail rwalls@wesleyancollege.edu

Q. How can I update my address information?

A. Submit address changes and/or class note information online at www.wesleyancollege.edu/alumnae/contact or notify the Alumnae Office at (478) 757-5172.

Q. I am interested in knowing more about specific volunteer opportunities. Whom do I contact?

A. Email alumnaevolunteers@wesleyancollege.edu

Q. What is the difference between the Loyalty Fund and the Annual Fund?

A. The Loyalty Fund is the alumnae portion of the overall Annual Fund. Gifts to the Annual Fund are received from friends, corporations, parents of alumnae, and more – but the majority of the Annual Fund support comes from alumnae! The Loyalty Fund is a special designation given to these alumnae gifts. If you are an alumna, any gift you make to the Annual Fund is automatically counted in the Loyalty Fund totals. Also included are gifts made by your spouse, family foundation, or matching gift company.

Q. What is Wesleyan's fiscal year?

A. Wesleyan runs on a July 1 through June 30 fiscal calendar. The current fiscal year began July 1, 2005, and ends June 30, 2006.

Q. I am not sure if I have given in this fiscal year. Whom do I contact?

A. Notify Natalie Evans, director of annual giving, at (478) 757- 5170 or email nevans@wesleyancollege.edu

Q. Do honorarium and memorial gifts count as Loyalty Fund gifts?

A. Unless otherwise specified by you or the honoree's family, your tribute gift will automatically benefit the Loyalty Fund, the alumnae portion of the Annual Fund.

Q. To give a gift, how do I make out my check?

A. To give to Wesleyan, make your check out to "Wesleyan College." You may write specific fund information in the memo field on your check.

Q. Where do I send my gift?

A. Send your gift to:
Wesleyan College
Office of Institutional Advancement
4760 Forsyth Road / Macon, GA 31210

Q. I would like to recommend a student to Wesleyan. Whom do I contact?

A. Please contact Patty Gibbs, our vice president for enrollment services and student affairs. You can call her at (478) 757-5206 or e-mail her at pgibbs@wesleyancollege.edu

Marriages

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends congratulations to:

Linda Goulding '70 of Jasper, Ga., who married Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Joseph W. Camp, Jr. on June 8, 2005.

Jeri Ellis Goodman '78 of Macon, who married C. Arthur Crowell III on February 18, 2006.

Nancy Sinnott '81 of Tucker, Ga., who married John Parker on October 22, 2005.

Melissa Malone '91 of Pawley's Island, S.C., who married Christopher Allan Constable on September 3, 2005.

Teresa Morris '91 of Opelika, Ala., who married Keith Futral on January 1, 2005.

Lianne Navran '92 of Indialantic, Fla., who married Francis Kagunda of Kenya on October 22, 2005. Lianne and Francis also plan to have a traditional Kenyan ceremony later in Francis' home village. The couple lives in Florida.

Linda "Jill" Kosobucki '93 of Columbus, Ga., who married David Moore in May 2005.

Lori Yvonne Downie '95 of Havelock, N.C., who married Dr. Mark Robinson on July 2, 2005, in New Bern, N.C.

Michelle McCluney '96 of Alexandria, Vir., who married Mark Horgan on October 29, 2005, in Decatur, Ga., at the First United Methodist Church.

Kimberly Benoit '98 of New Orleans, La., who married Glenn Nathaniel LeBlanc on April 9, 2005, in New Orleans.

Lisa Bridges '98 of Norcross, Ga., who married Casey Hines on October 8, 2005, in Atlanta.

Carrie Felguth '98 of Jacksonville, Fla., who married Chris Boyer of Charlotte, N.C., on December 30, 2005.

Ann Elizabeth Brannen '00 of Macon, who married Homer Haygood Keadle III on July 30, 2005. The couple had a honeymoon in Maui before making their home in Macon.

Rebecca "Becka" Smedley '02 of Hattisburg, Miss., who married Miles Doleac on December 31, 2005.

Elizabeth Eichelberger '05 of Dudley, Ga., who married David John Adler in August 2005.

Sympathy

The Wesleyan College Alumnae Association extends sympathy to:

Margaret Odom Rader '37 of Macon on the death of her sister, **Jane Odom Huckabee** '44 also of Macon, on August 1, 2005.

Laverne Baird Murrah '40 of Austell, Ga., on the death of her sister-in-law, **Geneva Davidson Baird** '44 of Marietta, on January 31, 2006.

Mary Nell Sampley Waite '40 of St. Simons Island, Ga., on the death of her husband, Rev. Alvis A. Waite, on November 16, 2005.

Dot Herndon Arnold '45 of St. Simons Island, Ga., on the death of her sister-in-law, **Marrienne Arnold Sapp** '45 of Dallas, Texas, on February 25, 2006.

Alice Childs Golson '45 of Gray, Ga., on the death of her sister, **Ruth Childs Hawkins** '34 also of Gray, on October 27, 2005.

Jane Kollock McCall '46 of Macon on the death of her daughter, **Carolyn McCall Morgan** '72 on May 1, 2005.

Mary Anne Patton Birnbaum '47 of Columbus, Ga., on the death of her sister, **Dorothy "Dottie" Patton Wheeler** '46 of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on July 11, 2005.

Winnifred "Honey" Hopkins Fanning '47 of Crescent, Ga., on the death of her husband, William Robert "W.R." Fanning, on December 31, 2005.

Mary Ainsworth Mitchell '47 of Atlanta on the death of her husband, Warren Mitchell, Jr., on February 12, 2005.

Kathryn Stiles Stribling '47 of Clarksville, Ga., on the death of her husband, Marion Winters Stribling, on October 13, 2005.

Ann Osborne Chapman '48 of Atlanta, on the death of her cousin, **Dorothy "Dottie" Patton Wheeler** '46 of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., on July 11, 2005.

Pauline Davidson Mansfield '49 of Macon on the death of her sister, **Geneva Davidson Baird** '44 of Austell, Ga., on January 31, 2006.

Frances Mahone Gavin '50 of Macon, on the death of her husband, W. Sloan Gavin, on March 1, 2006.

Anne McKay Garriss '51 of Clearwater, Fla., on the death of her sister, **Mary McKay Stephan** '49 also of Clearwater, on February 28, 2006.

Peggy Woodall Ford '52 of Norcross, Ga., on the death of her husband, John Wesley Ford, Jr., on January 11, 2006.

Ruth Forehand Miller '54 of Dawson, Ga., on the death of her husband, Malcolm Branson Miller, on September 3, 2005.

Lucille Fossum Porteus '55 of Ft. Myers Fla., on the death of her husband, Ed Porteus.

Joyce Ann Loudermilk Richards '55 of Marietta, Ga., on the death of her mother, Eva Loudermilk Tibbitts also of Marietta, on July 8, 2005.

Lloyd Young Flanders '56 of Darien, Ga., on the death of her husband, Claude Dyson Flanders, on September 4, 2005.

Jane Courtenay Shockley '56 of Gainesville, Ga., on the death of her husband, Richard Lester Shockley, on November 5, 2005.

Alberta Brewer Cain '57 of Cumming, Ga., on the death of her mother, **Irene B. Brewer** '35 of Knoxville, Tenn., on August 20, 2005.

Janace Fender Daughtry '59 of Augusta, Ga., on the death of her husband, W. Ken Daughtry, on December 18, 2005.

Laura K. Anderson '60 of Bartlett, Tenn., on the death of her mother, **Laura Gilbert Anderson Houser** '32 of Perry, Ga., on March 1, 2006.

Virginia Moody Holland '60 of Columbia, S.C., on the death of her mother, **Virginia Arnall Moody** '27 of Newnan, Ga., on December 23, 2005.

Patricia Shriver Mancuso '60 of Littleton, Colo., on the death of her mother, Ethel Shriver, on August 17, 2005.

Virginia Sumerford York '60 of Panama City, Fla., on the death of her brother, Eugene Erastus "Sonnie" Sumerford of Acworth, Ga., on October 20, 2005.

Judy Warren Edwards '67 of Macon on the death of her mother-in-law, **Margaret Mitchell (Edwards) Morgan** '37 also of Macon, on February 26, 2006.

Helen Neal Kleiber '67 of Columbus, Ga., on the death of her mother, **Helen Clark Neal** '30 also of Columbus, Ga., on September 16, 2005.

Kasey Carneal Phillips '67 of Opelika, Ala., on the death of her mother, Mary Steele H. Carneal, on January 13, 2005.

Karen Moore Thomson '67 of Atlanta on the death of her mother, Flora Alice Blair Moore, on September 22, 2005.

Glenda Grist Beardsworth '68 of Lilburn, Ga., on the death of her mother, Sara Grist of Winter Haven, Fla., in 2005.

Linda Bowden Bennett '68 of Yorktown, Vir., on the death of her sister, **Garland Bowden Oaks** '58 of Kingport, Tenn., on January 6, 2006.

Jane Price Claxton '68 of Macon on the death of her father, Joseph Pinkney "J.P." Price, on December 5, 2005.

Mary Abbott Waite '68 of Atlanta on the death of her father, Rev. Alvis A. Waite of St. Simons Island, Ga., on November 16, 2005.

Dell Hitchcock Bailey '69 of Dalton, Ga., on the death of her mother, Eleanor Cornwell Hitchcock also of Dalton, on September 14, 2005.

Kay Trowbridge Thomas '69 of Greenville, S.C., on the death of her mother, **Betty King Trowbridge** '42 also of Greenville, S.C., on January 22, 2006.

Patty Trowbridge Kornegay '70 of Camden, S.C., on the death of her mother, **Betty King Trowbridge** '42 of Greenville, S.C., on January 22, 2006.

Suzanne Harris McAliley '70 of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., on the death of her father, Dr. Charles M. Harris, in October 2005.

Paula Mansfield Murphy '70 of Macon, on the death of her aunt, **Geneva Davidson Baird** '44 of Marietta, Ga., on January 31, 2006.

Barbara Bradley Blake '71 of Johns Island, South Carolina, on the death of her husband, Byron Mills Blake, on February 6, 2006.

Laurie Lee Powell Jones '71 of Perry, Ga., on the death of her aunt, **Eugenia Peacock English** '34 of Greensboro, N.C., on March 2, 2006.

Kimberly Fritch Vantreese '71 of Marietta, Ga., on the death of her mother, **Beverly Quinn Fritch DeWolf** '48 of Seneca, S.C., on August 15, 2005.

Susan Mann Kimbrell '72 of Abingdon, Vir., on the death of her mother, Mary M. Mann, on December 4, 2005.

Susan Leonard Moum '72 of St. Simons Island, Ga., on the death of her aunt, **Geneva Davidson Baird** '44 of Marietta, Ga., on January 31, 2006.

Lisa McKinney '74 of Winder, Ga., and her brother, Michael McKinney, technical director of Wesleyan College, on the death of their father,

George W. McKinney of Macon, professor emeritus of Wesleyan College, on March 17, 2006.

Janis E. Price '74 of McDonough, Ga., on the death of her father, Joseph Pinkney "J.P." Price, on December 5, 2005.

Carrie Anne Parks-Kirby '76 of Alma, Mich., on the death of her husband, Kent Kirby, in 2005.

Faye Burner '77 of Asheville, N.C., on the death of her mother, **Alice Leighton Burner Dawkins** '49 of Jacksonville, Fla., on February 22, 2006.

Kimberly Richards Denmark '78 of Logansville, Ga., on the death of her grandmother, Eva Loudermilk Tibbitts of Marietta, Ga., on July 8, 2005.

Karen McKinney Renner '78 of Bon Aqua, Tenn., and her brother Michael McKinney, technical director of Wesleyan College, on the death of their father, George W. McKinney, professor emeritus of Wesleyan College on March 17, 2006.

LuAlice Waite '79 of Palm Bay, Fla., on the death of her father, Rev. Alvis A. Waite of St. Simons Island, Ga., on November 16, 2005.

Stephanie Parker '81 of Atlanta on the death of her grandmother, Ethel Moore Roberts, on February 12, 2006.

Beth Parker Davis '83 of Macon on the death of her grandmother, Ethel Moore Roberts, on February 12, 2006.

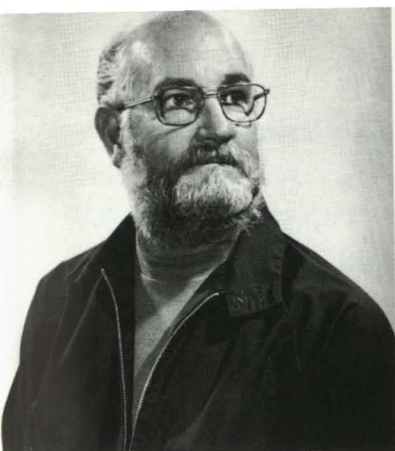
Meredith Henderson Tyree '88 of Norcross, Ga., on the death of her mother, Eleanor Scott Henderson of Duluth, Ga., on September 4, 2005.

Patrenice Guthrie Thomas '96 of Macon on the death of her husband, L. Channing Thomas, on September 29, 2005.

Ashley Haymond '99 of Bowie, Maryland, on the death of her father, Joseph Dunham Haymond, on November 30, 2005.

Natalie Chambliss-Beach '05 of Macon on the death of her husband, William Todd Beach, on January 13, 2006.

Reported from June 30, 2005 through March 15, 2006.



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GEORGE W. MCKINNEY

PROFESSOR EMERITUS

1923-2006

Wesleyan's theatre went dark on March 17, 2006, when beloved "Sir" George W. McKinney took life's final bow, drawing the curtain on a grand list of roles: Professor of Theatre, Technical Director, Stage Director, Set Designer, Author, Professor Emeritus, "Sir," and Father.

In 1964, George McKinney made his entrance onto the Wesleyan stage, literally and figuratively. His credentials were impressive. He was a published author, with more than ten years experience in academic theatre, eight of them at the University of Illinois, one of America's most prestigious public universities. Once here, he would create a legacy Wesleyan would forever cherish.

During his twenty-five-year tenure, Professor McKinney served as technical director of the Wesleyan Theatre, constructing sets and setting lights for ninety-nine productions. His teaching responsibilities at Wesleyan included many areas of theatre, including a popular introduction to theatre course, and courses in stage design, lighting, costume, and make-up. An innate ability to build special relationships with Wesleyan's students resulted in their conferring upon him the distinctive title of "Sir."

From 1965-76, Wesleyan shared him each summer while he served as technical director with the Cherokee, NC, production, "Unto These Hills," one of America's most successful outdoor dramas. He created more than 2,000 props in three weeks during its first year alone!

As hailed in a faculty salute upon his retirement, "He brought a gentle, spirited manner characterized by common sense to faculty deliberations, and provided strong leadership to the faculty and to the college administration as Chairman of the Theatre Department." He also was director and designer of an annual children's theatre production, introducing thousands of Middle-Georgia youths to real theatre. His articles were published in *Players Magazine* and his set designs appear in textbooks on lighting and stage scenery published by Appleton-Century-Croft.

His legacy lives on through his daughters Lisa McKinney '74 and Karen McKinney Renner '78, and in the Wesleyan Theatre Department where son Michael McKinney currently serves as technical director and adjunct lecturer in theatre.

Faculty and Staff Deaths

Dr. Virginia Carlton, former professor of mathematics at Wesleyan from 1941-1955 and professor of mathematics at Centenary College for 28 years, died on June 14, 2005, at age 87 in Shreveport, Louisiana. Dr. Carlton was a nationally recognized leader in the teaching of mathematics.

Helen Booth Thomas died on June 17, 2005, in Pensacola, Florida. Mrs. Thomas served as the administrative assistant to the dean of fine arts and the alumnae association at Wesleyan College in the early 1970's.

Thomas F. Gossett, a former professor of United States language and literature at Wesleyan from 1954-1959, died December 11, 2005, at age 89. Dr. Gossett wrote the curriculum for Wesleyan's American Studies Program, one of the first programs of its kind in the nation. He was professor emeritus of English at Wake Forest University and authored several books, including the 1963 book *Race: The History of an Idea in America*, which is regarded as a landmark study of race in the United States.

In Memoriam

- 1926 Mary Jones Meier
- 1927 Virginia Arnall Moody
- 1928 Carolyn Manget Kirby
- 1929 Marion Faircloth Baker
Merk Eula "Merksie" Crow Vandiver
- 1930 Geraldine "Gerry" Sherwood Jackson
Helen Clark Neal
Marjorie Royal
- 1931 Mary Sheppard Waters
- 1932 Laura Gilbert Anderson Houser
Marjorie Mitchell Sentic
- 1933 Ruth Bailey Garner
Margaret Budd Stephenson
- 1934 Eugenia Peacock English
Dorothy Royal Gower
Ruth Childs Hawkins
- 1935 Irene B. Brewer
Martha Coates Miller
- 1936 Carolyn Butler Dawson
- 1937 Olivia Taylor Allen
Sara Harrell Johnson
Margaret Mitchell Edwards Morgan
- 1938 Mary Virginia Peters Carter
Jacqueline Howard Edwards
Carol Simmons Revell
Richardia Martin Wilson
- 1939 Edna Garrett Cook
Jesse Goodrich Manley
Virginia McDowell Morgan
Virginia Hill Thurman
Bascom Knight Zewadski
- 1941 Dorothy Benbow Burnside
- 1942 Betty King Trowbridge
Laura Lanier Whitlock
- 1944 Geneva Davidson Baird
Jane Odom Huckabee
- 1945 Tommie Daniel Gammon
Marianne Arnold Sapp
Winifred "Winkle" Colquitt Williams
- 1946 Katherine Phillips Bible
Maryelle "Alley" Arnold Burnett
Mary-Claire Dorscheid Hailey
Dorothy "Dottie" Patton Wheeler
- 1947 Jean Biggs
Nancy Green Corr
Beulah McDonald English
Jean Parkins Heard
Annette Emerson Loyd
Constance Smith Sherman
- 1948 Virginia Green Baird-Krout
Beverly Quinn Fritch DeWolf
Mary McCowen Parkerson
- 1949 Elizabeth Haley Cunningham
Alice Leighton Burner Dawkins
Ann McMurray Massey
Mary McKay Stephan
- 1950 Frances Allison Morgan
- 1951 Betty Burnside Hathaway
Mary Ann McKenney Lewis
Charlie Rhodum Pritchett
Anna "Andee" Schwalbe Strong
- 1952 Ann Armistead Bearse
Mary Ann Penn Hicks
- 1953 Lou Bell
Margaret Gail Stephenson
- 1956 Marianne Morris
- 1958 Montye Pope Kelly
Garland "Bunky" Bowden Oaks
- 1959 Nancy Terry Mills
- 1960 Patricia Thornton Rogers
- 1962 Margaret Curry Johnson
- 1965 Patricia Hightower Bedgood
- 1969 Jean Milligan Broward
Betty Karen Smith
- 1970 Elizabeth Pittman Dux
- 1972 Carolyn McCall Morgan
- 1973 Patsy Doss McMahon
- 1977 Alzene Albright Deneen



SURROUNDED BY WESLEYAN LOVE: Ivelyn Lanier Gregory '30 (center) celebrated her 100th birthday in April with family, friends, and a number of Wesleyannes at The First United Methodist Church in Eatonton, Georgia. Surrounded by loving memories, Ivelyn enjoyed seeing a DVD of her life that had been produced by her daughter, Lyn Hendren. The tribute included music performed by Ivelyn herself, an accomplished pianist who studied at the Conservatory. Wesleyannes pictured (from left to right) Holly Cunningham Parker '70, Kenya Windham Deas '64, Elizabeth Perry Bryan '53, Ivelyn Gregory, Marsha Fernald Sichveland '68, and Flora Jean Phillips Grindstaff '67.

1920s

Congratulations to **Annie Mays Larmore '28**, of Atlanta, who celebrated her 99th birthday with family and friends in February.

1930s

Margaret Garnett Harris '30 is proud to have given a gift to Wesleyan each year for the past 75 years. "I prefer to call it the Loyalty Fund because I knew Jennie Loyall well," writes Margaret from Johnson City, Tennessee. Last July, Margaret flew to Florida for a dedication of the statue of the "Barefoot Mailman." She is the only surviving child of those few men (1885-1893) who walked the mail from Palm Beach to Miami on the ocean beach. While there, Margaret also autographed the reprinted copies of her book, *Pioneer Daughter*.



Dot Simmons Odell '32 celebrated her 95th birthday with Wesleyan friends, including two of her former high-school students, **Jackie Davis Richardson '60** and **Tena Roberts '60**. Above from left: Alumnae Director **Cathy Coxey Snow '71**, Jackie Richardson, Tena Roberts, and Trustee **Gena Roberts Franklin '71** with the birthday girl.

From her home in Daytona Beach, Florida, **Virginia Perry Buckner '33** writes, "I'm still on the go. I have a six-year old poodle as a companion! Each week, I enjoy a game of bridge at the Halifax River Yacht Club. My son, daughter, and I recently spent ten days in South Carolina and North Carolina. I enjoy news of Wesleyan - I've visited Wesleyan two times in recent years and hope to return one of these days!"

At age 93, **Frances Cook Sanders '34** reports that she is "doing fine" at Great Oaks Retirement Center in Monroe, Georgia. She joked, "I wish I could give more to Wesleyan but I plan to live to 100 years. After that I will double my giving!"

Margaret Munroe Thrower '35 of Atlanta, Georgia, has five children and eleven grandchildren. The children are all good citizens - "grands" show promise of same. We follow with interest news of the pending science center building - so much due to Coca-Cola," writes Margaret.

"At 87, I live more and more in memories," writes **Margaret Turner Beaty '38** of Pinellas Park, Florida. "I grew up knowing that I would attend Wesleyan College because my mother, **Flora Carter Turner** (Class of 1909) was a graduate of 'Old' Wesleyan. My three children are my accomplishments: a photographer, a lawyer, and a homemaker."

Alberta Trulock Brewer '38 is now living at Echo Ridge, a retirement residence facility in Knoxville, Tennessee.

From her home in Silver Springs, Maryland, **Ruth Ingle Warren '38** sends "Best Wishes to all of Wesleyan - and especially to the members of the Class of 1938!"

"I have sold my home and moved to a lovely assisted living place. I am very happy!" writes **Marguerite Johnston White '38** of Anniston, Alabama.

1940s

Congratulations to **Mildred Fincher Efland '42** and her husband, Mack, who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 18, 2005, with their children and their spouses, and grandchildren. Throughout the years Mack's work with Coats and Clark Corporation took the couple from Durham and Efland, North Carolina, to Nashville, Tennessee, and finally to Dunwoody, Georgia, while Mildred shared her musical talents with those around her. Now retired in Dunwoody, they enjoy an active lifestyle and are involved with church, alumni and professional associations, and their family and friends.

Mary Belle Gardner Quesenberry '43 and her family spent Christmas in Barcelona. Mary Belle divides her time between Virginia Beach, Virginia, and Coral Gables, Florida, so "golf is year round!" She also enjoys attending concerts at the University of Miami in addition to ballet and theater.

Virginia McClellan McCowen '44 of Macon pays tribute to her sister-in-law, **Mary McCowen Parkerson '48**. "Mary died in February after a long and courageous fight against lung cancer, the same disease that took my late husband and Mary's brother, Bill, in April 2005. Mary was a member of the class of 1948 and you have no more loyal alumna than she was." (See *In Memoriam*.)

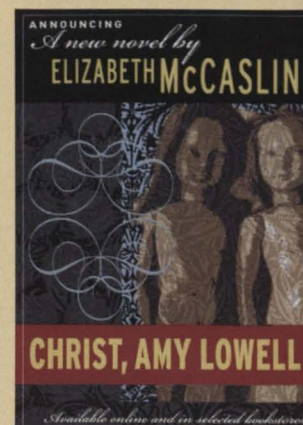
"It was an honor, thrill, and challenge, to receive an alumnae award in 2005," writes **Virginia Harris Howard '45** of Smyrna, Georgia. "My grown children have many interests. Ginny likes to keep up with politics. Son Andy and his wife juggle and enjoy dancing. Son Wallace also juggles. Son Tom likes to fly kites - never a dull moment around my house," says Virginia.

In October, **Virginia Martin Lawrence '45** of Cincinnati, Ohio, had a great visit with her "life-long friend," **Ina Blair Nau '45**. Virginia reports that Ina is now living in a new development in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina.

Betty Milton Paden '45 and her husband, Bob, hated to miss the Wesleyan reunion but their children took them on a surprise vacation (destination unknown) that same weekend! "I have missed very few reunions over these 60 years. Reunion is always such a treat," writes Betty. Betty still paints and exhibits. Bob plays the piano and organ, and both enjoy local musicals in Hendersonville, North Carolina. They are considering moving to a retirement home. Their family has grown from 2 to 16 people and they still manage family gatherings four times a year. Betty and Bob consider their family to be their greatest blessing.

Big news for Athens, Georgia, residents **Dot Wilkin Repass '45** and her husband, Bob, who added a second great-grandchild, Peyton Lynn Hollis of Tampa, Florida, to their family in October 2005. Caitlin Jill Boyd was their first great-grandchild. A 14th grandchild, Libby Grace Garrett, was born in February 2006.

NEVER TOO YOUNG: At age 82, **Elizabeth Johnson McCaslin '45** of St. Helena, South Carolina, has published her first novel, *Christ, Amy Lowell*. The title refers to a line in the poem *Patterns* by turn-of-the-twentieth-century writer Amy Lowell. Elizabeth has been writing since she was ten years old and has published poetry in various media. A new edition of her book of poetry, *First Came the Night*, is forthcoming, as is a new novel, *Émigré*.



"I just had a great 81st birthday," writes **Dr. Rebekah Yates Anders '46**. "Peachtree City is fun for retirees. My husband Pat and I go everywhere by golf cart. We enjoy our suite in the home of Drs. David and Kenya Anders and our five grandchildren."

Competing nationally for the first time at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, DC, Georgia State Champion James Clark, grandson of **Sue Lott Clark '46** of Waycross, Georgia, had a fine showing tying for 22nd place out of 273 entrants. James is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Jim Clark of Waycross.

"My husband, Jerry, and I celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary on December 4, 2005," writes **Mary Tappan Garrison '46** from Saint Simons Island, Georgia. "We met at a Wesleyan dance my freshman year when I was 16... and they said it wouldn't last!"

Lou Matteson Jones '46 of Rockmart, Georgia, says that she and **Jane Kollock McCall '46** of Atlanta, have been making plans for their 60th reunion. "We hope to have many alumnae come back to campus. **Becky Yates Anders '46** and I have been visiting and reminiscing about our days at Wesleyan. My granddaughter, **Dora Ward '94**, is into her Ph.D. work at Georgia State," writes Lou.

Jean Pim Kinsman '46 of Atlanta celebrated her 82nd birthday in September and still drives anywhere and everywhere. She misses her late sister, **Dorothy Anne Pim Roth '44**, and aunt, **Lucy Cunyus Mulcahy '24**, who both went to Wesleyan. Jean enjoys spending time with her son, Stephen, his wife, Judith, and their two children.

"I do appreciate so much all the memorial gifts to Wesleyan, as well as the cards sent, on the death of our daughter, **Carolyn McCall Morgan '72**, on May 1, 2005," writes **Jane Kollock McCall '46** from her home in Atlanta. "In October 2005, The Stephen Ministry group at Forest Hills United Methodist Church in Macon, where Carolyn was a long time active member, dedicated a stained glass Stephen Ministry logo in her memory. It hangs in a window overlooking the Church Garden. It is accompanied by a wall plaque containing a picture of Carolyn, and includes her Stephen Ministry name badge and pendant." (See *Sympathy*.)

"I am a great grandmother seven times over!" writes **Helen Proctor Watson '46** from Statesboro, Georgia. "Helen Carolyn McMurray had twin daughters May 12, 2005, in Atlanta. They are Chara and Ansley. I am so proud! My husband, Luther Watson, died November 23, 2004, in Macon. I miss him."

Anne Carlton Blanchard '47 of Asheville, North Carolina, took two exciting tours this year: one to Slovenia, Croatia, and Serbia-Montenegro; the second to Central Europe, including Berlin, Poland, the Czech Republic, and Budapest. Anne says, "It gave me an understanding of what life was like under the Nazis and then the Communists, and of how those countries are faring under the free market. A visit to Auschwitz was the emotional apex of the tour. I broke my foot in Hungary!"

Louise McGehee Frank '47 and her husband may live in Houston, Texas, but for the past 25 years they have spent four months a year in Brevard, North Carolina, where her McGehee family always maintained a second home.

In November 2004, **Betsy Chipman Kaplan '47** retired from Miami-Dade County Public School Board after 16 years. She still serves on many arts boards in Miami. Betsy spent the summer in Sugar Mountain, North Carolina.

Jane Anne Mallet Settle '47 of Jackson, Georgia, writes fondly of her late cousin, Linda Harriet Lane. "Linda was truly a lifelong friend to Wesleyan and proved herself so as a faculty member and trustee, as well as with gifts of many kinds."

From Carlton, Georgia, **Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Whitehead Sweeny '47** writes that she is living in the Carlton house where she was born in 1927. Mary loves spending time with her two children and their families—two great grandsons so far! She says she's "slowing down some," but traveled to Nashville in January and has plans to cruise the Rhine in May 2006.

Recently in Dallas, Texas, **Jean Cowart Fleming '48** of Albany, Georgia, had a great visit with Conservatory friend **Maggie Wise Fly '49**. They enjoyed reminiscing about mutual friends. Jean reports, "Maggie's lovely home is filled with her beautiful paintings. She continues to teach in her backyard studio."

"I still love living in Asheville," writes **Mary Nims Hogan '48**. "I have a new great granddaughter, Isabelle Longo, born February 18, 2005, in Colorado. I am currently teaching watercolor classes at UNC-Asheville College for Seniors, and enjoying it very much."

Elizabeth "Liz" Hean Stone '48 encourages everyone to go see the Atlanta Aquarium, where her son did the lighting designs. Liz still

travels about 6 times a year overseas. At home in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania, she tries to see all of the art shows in a 200 mile radius. Liz had a great Thanksgiving with her family, now totaling 17. "Not bad for two only children," writes Liz.

Marie Wilson Turner '48 of Mars Hill, North Carolina, had a full social calendar this fall! Her granddaughter, Meredith, was married October 1, 2005. Her grandson, Brent, a lieutenant in the Marine Corps, was married in San Diego on November 5, 2005.

Marian Gordon '49 moved to Florence, Alabama, in June 2005. Her daughter, Elizabeth, lives there with her husband and their five children, and Marian enjoys living around the corner from them. Marian also has 10 piano students.

"David and I are settling in at Glenmoor, our retirement community in the World Golf Village near St. Augustine. To cut down on trips to Jacksonville, it has involved changing doctors and our church after 35 years. On the plus side, we love our new patio home and new friends, and we are getting involved in numerous activities; for me a quilting group and ukulele group. David plans to take up golf again. Come see us," writes **Mary Lane Edwards Hartshorn '49**.

Julianne McDaniel Perry '49 of Monticello, Georgia, loves being a grandmother. Her youngest daughter's twins (a boy and girl) are 16 months now and are as cute as ever.

Elizabeth "Libba" Cook Smith '49 is a Dixie Diva, according to an article in the Fall 2005 issue of the *Statesboro Magazine*. The article chronicled her life as a



THE SISTERHOOD TREE: A special *Golden Heart Angel Christmas Tree* graced the lobby of the Olive Swann Porter Building during the holiday season thanks to the generosity and talents of **Thyrza White McClure '55** of Claymont, Delaware. Thyrza's hand-crocheted angels, each adorned with a tiny golden heart, decorated the much admired tree. Thyrza gifted the college with her handiwork when she returned to campus for her 50th reunion in April 2005.

woman whose strength of character and confidence, tempered with grace and charm, makes her a model of southern womanhood. Libba is employed part-time with the Statesboro-Bullock Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the "STAR" Community Theater Group that performs in the new Emma Kelly Theater, a part of the Averitt Center for the Arts in downtown Statesboro.

Marianne Coleman Whiteway '49 of Lilburn, Georgia, and her son experienced a New England-style Thanksgiving feast at her brother-in-law's home in Boston, complete with a 35-pound turkey enjoyed by 27 cousins and grandchildren. Snow on the ground of the big day set the stage for a happy holiday season.

1950s

Back home in Lilburn, Georgia, **Jo Ann Russell Campbell '50** writes, "Norton and I have just returned from a two-week visit to Israel and Egypt – great experience. Wish we had made the trip earlier. Bible passages have come alive in new ways!"

Congratulations **Louise Cochran Mayfield '50** and her husband, Mel, who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary. The celebrated in Macon while visiting their son, who teaches at Mount de Sales Academy.

Proud grandmother, **Betty Parham McGee '50** of Fort Valley, Georgia, announces the birth of a new grandson – William (Will) Gerald McGee, born to Ernie and Wendy McGee, of Gadsden, Alabama, in October 2005. Will was welcomed home by 7-year-old brother Clarence Ernest McGee.

After living in Laurel, Mississippi, for almost 30 years, **Marty Banks Gaddis '51** is moving back to her home state of Georgia and will live in Gainesville, closer to her children, her lake house, and her sister, **Beverly Banks Boland '49**, who also lives in Gainesville. Her moving date was close to Alumnae Weekend and she was sorry to miss reunion with classmates. In February, Marty received the 2006 Humanitarian of the Year Award presented by the Junior Auxiliary of Laurel. Her late husband, Bob, also received this award in 2001. At the ceremony, Marty had another surprise. Her three children traveled from their homes in Georgia and Virginia to see her honored.

In Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, **Frances Cobb Hart '51** and **Nancy Wyatt Ezzard '51** get together about once a month for a visit and lunch. They even let their husbands come along! They want to invite any other Wesleyannes in the area to join them.

According to **Robin Chesney Hopkins '51** of Bel Air, Maryland, "Life has been busy and eventful." She and Wylie moved from their family home "Scott's Oldfields" in July 2004 but remained in Bel Air. They took a cruise last November to Hawaii. In January 2005, Adrienna, their younger daughter, had twins, a boy and a girl named Will and Julia. "We just celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. I still keep in touch with my roommate, **Adrienne Thompson Bailey** in North Carolina," writes Robin.

Jody Mann Adams '52 of Saint Simons Island, Georgia, says, "No news is good news – right? Once more the Golden Isles of Georgia have been spared the tropical

storms." Jody is getting ready for the next reunion in '07. She promises, "I'll be there, 'God willing and the creek don't rise!'"

Alice Weldon Clark '52 of Dayton, Ohio, welcomed a fourth great-grandchild, a boy, in October 2005.

After 40 years in the same home, **Betty Jane "B.J." Percy Hill '52** of Naples, Florida, and her husband moved to a new home that has a smaller yard, a pool and spa, and is close to a lake. "We love it here. Come see us. Huge job to move, tho!" writes B.J.

"I now have a home in Augusta, Georgia, just three tenths of a mile from **Artie Dennis Thevaos '52** and her husband, Theo. Artie and I still concertize in the Southern states, enjoying our music and deep friendship once again. We see **Eugenia Toole Glover '49** and her brother, **Bill Toole '49**, often, and have fun remembering our Wesleyan days. I'm in touch with roommates **Marilyn Greene Schneider '52** (We traded hurricane stories after Wilma hit Florida – she and husband Don lived in the Keys, while I was at home in Ft. Lauderdale) and **Nancy Lou Marks '52**, who lives in Nashville, Tennessee. The home of my longtime 'home town' friend, **Mary Baldwin Woodland '51**, in Beaumont, Texas, was almost totally destroyed by Katrina. However, we Wesleyannes from Florida count our blessings and keep on going. I still play the violin that once belonged to 'Papa' Maerz," writes **Claire Michaels Murray '52**.

Elizabeth Lewis Parsons '52 lost her husband, Bob, three years ago. She has recently sold her home and moved to an apartment in Orlando, Florida. She writes, "All four children, their spouses and

children (9 grandchildren for me) are doing well. None live in Orlando, so most of my travel time is spent going to see them. Grandmothering is my fourth vocation!"

"My two grandchildren are the loves of my life," says **Evelyn Thompson Tharp '52** of Davidson, North Carolina. Gregory (20) is a junior at Duke University. Evie (11) is Evelyn's namesake and is active in sports.

"My daughter, **Jeanne Norton Rollberg '79**, is our family's newsmaker these days," writes **Joan Jennings Norton '53** of Green Cove Springs, Florida. "Having retired from teaching in 1993, I am still 'smelling the roses' and enjoying my home and hobbies. I love politics!"

"It's been such a pleasure after many years to reconnect with my roommate **Martha Bell Crump '53**. Martha lives in Jackson, Mississippi, and I'm in Newnan, Georgia - thank heavens for telephones!" writes **Jackie Spradlin Stallings '53**.

From Yantis, Texas, **Harriett Willis Bevil '54** shared this update: "With my teaching degree from Wesleyan, I moved with roommate **Ann Aiken Burch '54** to Griffin, Georgia. There I met my wonderful husband. We celebrated 50 years together in August 2005. Our four children planned a lovely party for us with friends and family. We have been blessed beyond measure."

Varese Chambless '54 and Andy, "the world's most beautiful Australian shepherd," love living in Longleaf, the new residential community inside Callaway Gardens in Pine Mountain, Georgia. Varese (and Andy) enjoys hearing from Wesleyannes whenever they visit the gardens.

THE ORDER OF MOON PIE: 1956 Classmates and "Moon Pie" members were the subjects of an article in the Fort Gaines, Georgia, newspaper, *The Citizen News*, this past fall. Columnist Bill Koch joined the group for dinner at Bagby Lodge to learn more about the history of the group members, who have been friends since the fall of 1952 when they entered Wesleyan. (Shown at right): The late **Marianne Morris** (center), beloved president of the Class of 1956, surrounded by other "Moon Pies" at the group's annual reunion in Fort Gaines.



In Huntsville, Alabama, **Nancy Williams Holliman '54** is looking forward to August 2006, when her cookbook recipes will be published in the *Best Of The Best-Alabama*.

On September 3, 2005, **Ruth Forehand Miller '54** of Dawson, Georgia, lost her husband of nearly 44 years. Malcom Miller had courageously battled Parkinson's disease for the past 10 years. Ruth says that her former "roomies," **Betty Bate McCrary '54** and **Donnie Donaldson Porterfield '54** have been such a comfort to her. (See *Sympathy*.)

Leah Wallat Odden '54 of Largo, Florida, agrees that it is a small Wesleyan world. Leah ran into **Sally Higgins Harbaugh '53** on a trip to Russia last summer. "We couldn't believe we'd both been at Wesleyan at the same time!" writes Leah.

Betty Bate McCrary '54, **Ruth Forehand Miller '54**, **Carole Coleman Bruley '54** and I still talk via telephone constantly, writes **Donnie Donaldson Porterfield '54**, who lives in Savannah. "We were all so sad to hear that Ruth's husband, Malcolm, passed away recently."

From Alexandria, Virginia, **Betty Moss Swygert '54** writes: "We went to Maine in the summer, then to Savannah for a meeting. My eldest daughter and her little girl were with us in Savannah. It was fun showing her my high school, old home, and the chapel where Don and I were married. Now we're having work done on our house. I enjoy the news from Wesleyan."

From her home in Natchitoches, Louisiana, **Jane Fraser Bradley '55** says her husband is fine now after surgery in May prevented them from attending Alumnae

Weekend 2005. "It was so good reading about Alumnae Weekend in the magazine. Our class group photo was wonderful! A classmate sent me photos of the luncheon. Loved them!" writes Jane.

Barbara Ketterbaugh Eibeck '55 has moved from Sedona, Arizona, to Lubbock, Texas. She hopes to get in touch with former Wesleyan friend, **Sandra Boydston Cannon '55**, who lives in Spring, Texas.

"Loved seeing everyone at our 50th reunion last April – Golden Hearts hold up well!" writes, **Judy Johnson Fuller '55** from Brandon, Florida.

Congratulations to Macon residents **Carole Broadwell Hollis '55** and her husband, Robert, who celebrated their 50th anniversary on June 6, 2005.

A 2005 Christmas Eve email to the alumnae office from **Lucille Fossum Porteus '55** carried this message. "I live in a beautiful retirement community in Fort Myers, Florida. Ed and I had made arrangements to sell our house and move here. Sadly, Ed died on Christmas Eve 2004. Our move was scheduled for January 24, 2005. I made the move alone, but I miss Ed terribly," emails Lucille. (See *Sympathy*.)

From Decatur, Georgia, **Carolyn Sims Brooks '56** writes: "Arlene, Jo, Toot, Trudy, Martha (Kennedy) and our husbands joined with the Ft. Gaines community in a loving tribute to our class president, Marianne (Morris) in her much beloved Presbyterian Church. Marianne's minister, the Methodist minister and Marianne's friend, John Riley, a motivational speaker who visits Ft. Gaines often, all took part in the service. Marianne's niece, Neeley, sang beautifully at the

funeral and the graveside. Several people made remarks about Marianne, the most powerful one from a young man whom Marianne had taught. He now has his master's degree in English and teaches in two local colleges – what a tribute he paid to Marianne, the teacher."

"**Joan Sammons-Hodges '57**, **Maria Higgins '57**, and I had a grand time at the Atlanta Club Luncheon in October. It was wonderful seeing Ruth Knox and other alumnae association and Atlanta Club presidents that attended. Joan is busy thinking ahead for our 50th class reunion in 2007. We hope to see all our classmates for that "grand weekend," writes **Julie Adams Hawk '57** of Flowery Branch, Georgia.

Marguerite Malcolm Yarboro '57 of Titusville, Florida, writes that she had both knees replaced this year!

In North Palm Beach, Florida, **Jo Anne Elwell Breithart '58** survived two and a half hurricanes with the house mostly intact but the yard and the pool was a disaster area. She is thankful that it was no worse. Jo Anne is thrilled to welcome her newly adopted granddaughter, Sara Renae Adams, born September 23, 2004. Sara is a dark-haired beauty from Guatemala.

In a front page article in the *Tallahassee Democrat*, the son and granddaughter of **Medra Lott Keyser '58** of Fernandina Beach, Florida, were featured in an article on the Red Hills Horse Trials competition. Granddaughter Elisa Wallace is a 2005 Georgia State graduate. Her father, Rick, who attended the '92 Olympic Trials, has been Elisa's only trainer since she first sat on a horse at age 2. Elisa shows her horse, Jackson, a 6-year-old thoroughbred she

bought from the slaughterhouse with her high school graduation money, and now has him on track to make a bid for the 2008 Olympics. Elisa and her father make quite a team yet sometimes compete against each other. Recently Elisa and Jackson finished 3rd internationally and 2nd nationally.

"With 7 grandchildren this is surely a great time in life," reports Staunton, Virginia, resident **Louise Sawyer Whipple '58**. She and her husband moved to Staunton nearly 5 years ago. She says it is a lovely town, and a good meeting place for their sons to visit. Louise's sons and their families live in Tennessee, Delaware, and Wisconsin.

Congratulations to **Doris Stone Wilder '58** and her husband, Roy, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2005 with a reception given by their children and grandchildren at Vineville Methodist Church in Macon. In September, Doris and Roy took a trip to Las Vegas.

Helen Poole Fontseré '59 of Decatur, Georgia, is sad to note that former Wesleyan professor Dr. Thomas Gossett died in December. He was the author of the groundbreaking book, *Race: the History of and Idea in America*, published in 1963, during the height of the civil rights movement. "Dr. Gossett and I corresponded for the past 17 years, and I treasured his interesting, witty letters. I can't believe he's gone," reports Helen.

In 2005, **Lucia Wurst Loper '59** of Jupiter, Florida, visited Switzerland. Lucia writes: "I remember the tour from Wesleyan with Dr. Cooper and his wife to Europe. Some of the sights were what I remember from 1958. I did visit the highest



ALUMNAE SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE: Julia Stillwell Ketcham '58 was a "scholar in residence" at Wesleyan's Lane Center for Community Engagement and Service this winter. The former professor emeritus of English and creative writing at Syracuse University led a thirteen-week study/reflection on Julia Cameron's *Artists Way*, as well as additional sessions on poetry writing and other creative writing. Julia's husband, Ralph, a renowned scholar on democracy and the American founding, joined her on campus as a visiting scholar. (At Left) Wesleyan Professor and Director of the Lane Center Catherine Meeks with Julia Ketcham.

mountains in snow during summer and bought another Swiss watch in Zurich. I also bought the DVD of Ben Hur with Charlton Heston and Stephen Boyd because we saw a chariot race in Rome during the making of Ben Hur. And I acquired the cookbook, *In a Roman Kitchen* by Wesleyanne Jo Patterson Bettoja '47!"

Mary Terrell Mitchell '59 of Lizella, Georgia, now has a 7th grandchild. Her daughter, Mary Eva Tredway, gave birth to a beautiful little girl, Madison Tandy Tredway, on November 21, 2005. Madison is named for Mary's great grandfather, who was a Civil War surgeon and the father of her grandmother, **Lillian Mary Mitchell Camp, Class of 1887.**

In *Belle* magazine's premier issue, the spotlight was on Macon artist **Carol King Pope '59**, who was featured in the *OnTheTown* section. Carol, known for her acrylic landscapes and seascapes and her use of exaggerated color (she begins each of her works by painting the entire canvas bright orange!), has painted landscapes in France, Greece, Egypt, and New Mexico. A former gallery owner, she has been an art teacher, conducted workshops, illustrated books, and has exhibited in as many as 15 juried art shows a year, as is evidenced by the box full of award ribbons in her art studio closet. Carol also studied with the late Macon artist, **Theresa Rhett English '49.**

"We have moved to Clark Retirement Community in Grand Rapids, Michigan, another great United Methodist facility," writes **Judith Johnson Whitwer '59.** "My husband's stroke in 2003

made life difficult on our own. We're in independent living here and love it. I still play flute and hand bells!"

1960s

"Our eleventh grandchild is due June 2006. Good Grief!" writes **Leah Tamplin Leigh '60** from St. Augustine, Florida.

Patricia Shriver Mancuso's '60 son, Louis Shriver Mancuso, married Caroline Goevert on October 15, 2005, in Estes Park, Colorado. Classmate **Karen Widdowson Hunt '60** and her family from Albuquerque, New Mexico, attended the wedding. Patty's mother, Ethel Shriver, passed away in her sleep at the age of 92 last August. Patty still works as an RN in Littleton, Colorado. (See *Sympathy*.)

Sheila Nichols McNeill '60 is very proud of her daughter, Prentiss, who will graduate (Ph.D.) from Harvard in June 2006. Sheila continues to work in Tampa as a federal government criminal attorney.

Beverly Jo Flynt Strean '60 of Oakton, Virginia, has a new granddaughter. Stephanie Lynn Strean was born on November 11, 2005, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Son R. Flynt Strean is a patent lawyer with Alston and Bird.

"I regret not being able to attend the reunion. My husband Charles and I were on a two-month trip to the Four Corners area. I'm successfully recovering from a second bout with breast cancer. In our family news, we are the proud great-grandparents of Emma Grace, and our grandson, Christopher, has just been accepted to Mercer Medical School. Hello to all my classmates," writes **Jean Edwards Dukes '61** from her home in Barnesville, Georgia.

Ernestine Cole Fulmer '61 of Newnan, Georgia, is enjoying retirement with Preston, grandchildren, Mom, and friends. Her days are "spiced with traveling and playing bridge with long-time friends!" She looks forward to the class reunion — "always such a good time together."

Andrea Morris Gruhl '61 lives in Columbia, Maryland. She has just concluded her term as president of the Washington, DC, area joint chapter of Beta Phi Mu, the international library and information studies honor society. Andrea has a new (second) grandson. Her older daughter, Sonja, who lives in San Diego, just gave birth to Erik.

Perry, Georgia, residents **Peggy Pearson Jerles '61** and her husband, Bill, have been married for 46 years. She is a partner in Big 6 Farm, a peach and pecan business. They have three children: Billy, also an attorney in Perry; Matthew, who is a physician in Macon, and Kelly, who is a shop owner in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. They also have four grandchildren.

According to **Sheila Leto Scott '61** she and husband John, both Florida natives, are now retired "snowbirds." "We will live more than half the year in Boynton Beach, Florida, and stay near Chapel Hill, North Carolina, for the balance of the year to be closer to our grandchildren. It was wonderful to spend time with **Patty Shriver Mancuso '60** when she was at her place in Palm Beach County," reports Shiela.

Jane Hawkins Walker '61 of Mc Rae, Georgia, co-authored a history book in 2004 with Chris Trawell, associate professor emeritus from South Georgia College, entitled *The Dodge Land Troubles 1868-1923*.

From her Georgia mountain home located between Jasper and Ellijay, **Charlotte Jolly Hale '62** writes: "I am an active member (choir and education chair) of Cherry Log Christian Church — Disciples of Christ. I enjoy community volunteering, gardening and traveling with Friendship Force of North Georgia."

Dr. Sue Summerhill O'Kelley '62 moved to Flagler Beach, Florida, in December. She writes: "I have been working with Habitat for Humanity, visiting in Deland, and remodeling our beach house. Living is very disposed to meditation and introspection."

"We're very fortunate," says **Susan von Unwerth Overman '62** of Winston Salem, NC. "Tom and I divide our time between Winston-Salem and the mountains near Hot Springs. I'm still involved in NC School of the Arts and am interested in environmental and cold water conservation efforts. We have one grandson, Ned (5) and a granddaughter, Lucie (2)."

Ruth Dunagan Wood '62 of Visalia, California, hopes her four granddaughters will be future Wesleyannes: Hannah (7) and Catherine Wood (9) live in Taiwan. Isabel (4) and Carmen (1) Sanchez Tembleque live in Mexico.

Cecilia McDaniel Brock '63 moved from Cumming, Georgia, to Florence, Kentucky, in August 2005 after having some health problems. She now lives near her daughter, Rebekah.

Steven Pfeiffer, son of **Lynda Brinks Pfeiffer '63** of Cataldo, Idaho, married Julie English on July 19, 2005, in Fiji.

ALL IN THE FAMILY: Three generations of Wesleyannes greeted President Ruth Knox at an alumnae luncheon in Chattanooga, Tennessee. (From left) Ruth Knox greets **MaryStewart Glendenning Lewis '92**, her grandmother, **Mary Stewart Becking McClain '42**, and her mother **Karin Smith Glendenning '67**. MaryStewart's great-grandmother, Augusta Finney Becking (AB 1905; BM 1906), and four other great, great aunts also attended Wesleyan.



"Retirement is the greatest!" So says **Ann Ewing Shumaker '63** of Columbia, South Carolina. She and her husband, Butch, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary in November.

Linda Willson Bressoud '64 of Jacksonville, Florida, finally has her first granddaughter - Marley Lynn Mlaoucky, born June 9, 2005. "Hopefully, she will be a Green Knight like her mom, **Sharon Bressoud Mladucky ('92)**, and me!"

From Savannah, Georgia, **Crystal Hunter Flathman '64** and her now-retired husband, John, think it's wonderful to live in the same city with their grandchildren: Josie Grace, seven months, and John (Jack) Steel, six months.

"Spencer and I have moved into a new British imports-fly fishing shop in Fairhope, Alabama," writes **Mary Ann Moore Johnson '64**. They're going to live above the shop!

Sandra Williamson Almy '65 and her husband, Tim, have retired to the mountains of North Carolina. They love it in Hendersonville and are looking forward to a new laid-back lifestyle.

Elizabeth Harman Godbold '65 of Tierra Verde, Florida, is now a grandmother of five. Elizabeth writes that she is "thankful to be healthy and happy at the old age of 62."

Traveling from the Georgia Mountains to the beaches of South Carolina didn't bother **Nedra Martin Malone '65** of Macon a bit, as she was the proud mother of two brides this past year. Her daughter, Robin, married in the mountains of Helen, Georgia, in March 2005

with Nedra's granddaughter, Skylar, serving as flower girl. Daughter **Melissa '91**, served as maid of honor and Nedra's son, Robert, was groomsman at Robin's wedding. In September **Melissa** married at the DeBordieu Club located on the beautiful beaches in Georgetown, South Carolina. (See 1991 Class Notes.)

"I received a Ph.D. in family science in 1996. My daughter, Salisha, receives her MFA at Actors Studio in NYC in May. My son, Breisen, finished college in July (majored in history and English) and graduates in May, too. My husband and I are delighted, even though they have kept us young all these years," reports **Sally Eisen Miller '65** from Houston, Texas.

"Phil and I enjoyed my 40th Wesleyan reunion in 2005," writes **Katherine Champion Smelley '65** of Savannah, Georgia. "Being back on campus and with old friends brought back wonderful shared memories. We met my freshman year and his sophomore at Tech, dated all through school and married in my senior year. You could say Wesleyan brought us together."

Dr. Barbara Clinton '66 of Daytona Beach Shores, Florida, took early retirement from Georgia College and State University. Barbara taught in the School of Business as a Professor of Information Systems. She specialized in Multimedia and Web Design.

Roommates **JoAn Johnson Chewning '66**, **Mary Towers Weese '66**, and **Marsha McDonald Godsey '66** had lunch together at the new Cordon Bleu School Restaurant in Atlanta. Their fourth roommate, **Suzanne**

Spence Joyce '66, was unable to join in as she was recovering from a broken foot. But there's another reunion planned for this summer!

Barbara Sneden Exum '66 of Juliette, Georgia, and her former student, **Dr. Kris Kuchinski Broome '87** of Gainesville, Florida, attended the 40th annual opening at Belle Meade Hunt in Augusta. Barbara was there 40 years ago and is an active charter member of the hunt.

"My husband and I live in Jackson, Georgia, where we have an antique store with picture framing, home accessories, and interior decorating. I still do art work- currently watercolors, but not full time. Our two daughters (24 and 34) live nearby, and we have 4 grandchildren. I'm grateful for the good education Wesleyan gave me, and that the college is still alive and well," writes **Dale Pierson Hill '66**.

Cile Adams Mathews '66 of Corryton, Tennessee, has good news to share: "I was beginning to wonder if it would happen, but finally I became a grandmother! It doesn't seem so long ago that I was running around the soccer field. Hannah Paige Mathews was born February 26, 2005. Ed and I are thrilled."

Former teacher **Lynne Fooshe Ogden '66** and her husband are both retired and enjoy living in Macon again.

From Gainesville, Georgia, **Betty Westmoreland Shuster '66** writes: "My husband, David, retired from Northwest Airlines as a 747-400 Captain after 36 years of service. I flew the last six days of his final trip with him. The last trip was non-stop from Tokyo to Detroit! Now we are patiently awaiting our

first TWO grandchildren! We are celebrating our 35th wedding anniversary on July 3."

Dona D. Vaughn '66 of New York returned for her second season as artistic director of PORTopera and her eleventh season as stage director during the July 2005 production of *Carmen* in Portland, Maine. In addition to her role with PORTopera, Dona is acting coach for The Metropolitan Opera's Lindemann Young Artist Development Program and director of the OperaWorkshop at Manhattan School of Music.

"Greetings! I never ever thought I would be writing this message - but we are grandparents. Our 2nd daughter, Saraday, had a girl, Madilyn Day Yockel, last June (2005). Bob and I have been married 39 years in June! Where does the time go? Oh, I am still teaching biology in West Newbury, Massachusetts," writes **Suzy Spradling Martin '67**, who lives in Hampstead, New Hampshire.

"I lost my mother, Mary Steele H. Carneal, on January 13, 2005," writes **Kasey Carneal Phillips '67** of Opelika, Alabama. "One of the many things that my mother and I shared and I so vividly remember is the high school weekend we visited Wesleyan. Walking across campus, we looked at each other and both knew that Wesleyan was the college for me. Those four years remain among my most treasured memories." (See *Sympathy*.)

Rebecca Mathews Beal '68 of Alpharetta, Georgia, looks forward to news from Wesleyan. Rebecca's husband, Bob, died in 2004. Her family is very excited about the birth of their first grandchild in fall of 2005. Rebecca says with a smile, "Life goes on!"



SHADES OF STUNT: "Esmerelda" AKA **Lynn Ellis Rouseau '73** (center) and friends performed at the 2005 celebration of the 20th anniversary of the Self-Help for Hard of Hearing Convention (SHHH) in Washington, D.C., where Lynn received the National Spirit of SHHH Award. Lynn says, "I am honored to have been chosen among so many dedicated people all over the United States who are working hard to share knowledge and support for the hard of hearing." Lynn will serve as co-chair for the 2006 convention in Orlando.

Glenda D. Beardsworth '68 of Lilburn, Georgia, reports the sad news that her mother, Sara Grist, passed away in Winter Haven, Florida. She was 84. (See *Sympathy*.)

In Opelika, Alabama, **Sara Walters Ingram '68** teaches 5th grade at Trinity Christian School. Sara loves being a grandmother to Benjamin, Ellie, Gracie, and William, and having her mother in residence.

"I'm soooooo in love!" writes **Babs Richardson Pirkle '68** from Alpharetta, Georgia. "Our grandson, John Mason Reeves, has us totally wrapped around his chubby 14-month-old fingers. God is good!"

Susan Jones Shulman '68 of Jacksonville, Florida, recently received certification from the Interior Arrangement & Design Association and started a new business, Interior Magic by Susan. Her slogan is: "Re-arranging your existing furniture, accessories and art in only a few hours - it's MAGIC!" Interestingly, her first redesign was in the home of a Wesleyanne! Those wonderful Wesleyan ties last forever!

My roommate **Bette Harding Loyd '69** (a caterer in Jacksonville), and my suitmates **Mary Louise Lanier '68** (retired and farming in Pooler, Georgia) and **Susan Crawford '67** (Atlanta publisher) and I gather annually in Savannah to visit, writes **Candy Smith Beuttell '69** of Vero Beach, Florida. "We are in touch weekly via email and are still the best of friends. Some things never change - thank heaven!"

In her first year of retirement **Nancy Greer '69** and her husband, Richard, have played a lot

of golf, more bridge, and traveled as much as they could. "I continue to quilt for charity, especially for children in my hometown of Biloxi, Mississippi, after hurricane Katrina destroyed their homes," writes Greer.

Carey and I are enjoying retirement in Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, after living in Texas for the last 15 years. I'm glad to be closer to many of my good Wesleyan friends," writes **Ann Kinnick Keane '69**.

Dr. Barbara Marble Tagg '69 of Camillus, New York, conducted the 2005 WORLDSONG international children's choir festival at Cincinnati Conservatory of Music with choirs from Cincinnati, Venezuela, and Taiwan. The Syracuse Children's Chorus is celebrating its 25th anniversary season and will tour California in July 2006. Barbara serves on the board of directors of Chorus America and continues to teach at Syracuse University and conduct the SU Women's Choir.

1970s

"We've moved!" writes **Carole Lee Byrd '70**. "Upon Butch's early retirement as director of golf at North River Yacht Club in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, we've moved to the Birmingham area. He'll assume the job of director of golf at Ballantrae Golf Club in the Pelham area."

There's a newlywed in the class of 1970! **Linda Goulding Camp '70** writes: "Brigadier General (Retired) Joseph W. Camp, Jr. and I were married on June 8th. We moved to the north Georgia mountains. You met him at our class reunion. We had a terrific time at the reunion and are looking forward to the next one!" (See *Marriages*.)

Jan Drury Cox '70 of Atlanta, Georgia, will retire in the summer of 2006 after 35 years with the DeKalb County school system.

Kate Goldman Gholston '70 and husband Joe were parents of the bride last fall. Daughter Avery married on November 12 in Lexington, Virginia, at Washington and Lee University. Both of her godmothers were there for the celebration: **Barbara Roland Colwell '70** and **Deborah Adamson Cook '75**, both Wesleyannes!

Catherine Gibbons Jost '70 of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, represented Wesleyan College at the presidential inauguration of Nancy Gray at Hollins University in October 2005.

"Katharine 'Kate' Hammock Wall was born Monday, October 24, 2005 at 8:31 a.m. in Charlotte, North Carolina, to Sally Anne and Joe Wall, Jr. She weighed 6 lbs. 11 oz.," writes **Pat Hammock Wall '70** of Macon. "None of you will be surprised that she is the most beautiful child ever to grace any nursery! We have all passed her around like the little doll she is!"

Lindy Anderson '71 of Clermont, Florida, enjoyed a visit in Atlanta with **Carolyn Berger Krutoy '71**. Carolyn's son, Jeff, graduated from the Honors Program at the University of Georgia and will attend dental school at Columbia University in New York.

It was a busy fall for **Harriett Mayo '71**. She opened her own children's shop in Montezuma and participated in a hospital auxiliary show in Gainesville, Georgia.

"This past year I have come to know my Wesleyan family in an even more special way that continues to touch my heart each day," says **Cathy Coxey Snow '71**, alumnae director. "I am truly grateful for the outpouring of love from my Wesleyan sisters, classmates, colleagues, and friends during my husband Oliver's illness and after his death. I continue to be blessed by and through my Wesleyan friendships."

Maconite **Meg Hogan Campbell '72** had her ceramic work featured in a regional ceramics exhibition and sale called *Fired Works* in April.

Elizabeth Rogers Kelly '72 of Jasper, Tennessee, sent a gift to Wesleyan "in honor of Dr. Marcile Taylor on the occasion of her retirement—which should not be allowed!"

Colonel Kasse Andrews-Weller '72 of Washington, DC, wrote: "During the summer of 1972, the (Dr. Fletcher) Anderson Family became my family while I worked the summer at the Macon Museum of Arts and Sciences. What wonderful memories I have of the music and harmony of that summer!"

Kathy Weeks Leaman '72 and husband Craig of Orange Park, Florida, will welcome a second grandchild in June. Daughter **Elizabeth Leaman Hague '96** is expecting. Elizabeth's daughter, Olivia (2), looks forward to a new sibling, too. Kathy's son, John, received his second masters from University of Florida and works as a builder in Tampa.

2006 will be a year of weddings for **Pam Huston Rosenberg '72** and her husband, Jim, who is senior pastor at First United

A NOTE FROM DEAN LAWTER: "On June 17, 2006, I shall be 95 years old. Does this make me the oldest friend of the college or the oldest living former dean of students? One of my greatest joys is receiving letters from former students. I cherish each letter. One senior class with diplomas in hand approached me to say, 'Now we can call you *Mary D.*' I agreed. Some do!" *Mary D. Lawter served as Dean of Women at Wesleyan from 1958 to 1969, and as assistant professor of religion from 1959 to 1961.*



Methodist Church in Ft. Myers, Florida. Their daughter, Sarah, married Corey Jones in Lakeland, Florida, on January 14. Their son, Ryan, will marry Angela Warrick in Palm Harbor, Florida, in June.

"We moved four blocks to 112 Washington Ave!" That's the latest news from **Dr. Susan Wyllys Wallace '72** of Savannah. "Our son, Richard, and his wife, Melissa, are expecting another boy in February. Big brother Ben will be 2 by then. Dick will be starting his 7th year with his radio show on Georgia Public Broadcasting 'Music America.'"

Hale Coble Edwards '73 of Greer, South Carolina, spent June in China and Japan with the South Carolina Center for Teaching Asia. "What a thrill being there and being able to tell everyone where the Soong sisters – Madam Sun Yat-Sen and Madam Chiang Kai-Shek – had gone to school!"

Betsy McPherson Farr '73 of Falls Church, Virginia, was pleased to have three watercolors included in the Macon Museum of Arts and Sciences exhibit, "Botanicals: Contemporary and Historical," March-April, 2005. "My thoughts went back to late nights in the art studios and Mr. Jemison Hoskins' mantra: 'Light light next to dark dark!'"

"Dr. Marcile Taylor cut me a break in one of my classes with her and I never forgot her kindness," recalls **Debra E. Hoobler '73** of McDonough, Georgia. "Whenever I'm at Wesleyan, I visit the bookstore to check the required reading lists for her classes and then I read them. I will always remember Dr. Taylor's dedication to history and to her students. Happy retirement!"

After 30 years in the science classroom, **Miriam McElheney Jordan '73** of Monticello, Georgia, retired. She has started a new career as a science coordinator for the Georgia Department of Education and will be working with **Trisha Chapman Dubose '81**, a sister Pirate, who had accepted a similar position. Miriam's son, Wiley, is in medical school at Mercer, while his wife, Sonya, is at Wesleyan taking classes to complete her teacher certification and master's degree.

"My husband Steve and I own a candy store in the historic Old Sacramento State Park. Wesleyanians traveling in the area are welcome to stop at Munchies, 122 J Street. My son, Daniel Ackison, married Kristina Andersen on October 8, 2005, in Reno. We are happy to have her join the family," writes **Elizabeth "Betty" Bridge Risch '74** from her home in West Sacramento, California.

Melanie Fawcett Summerell '74 of Centerville, Virginia, reports that her oldest daughter, Virginia, is working near Jacksonville, Florida, as coordinator at H. H. H. Therapeutic Riding Center after graduating in December 2005 from St. Andrews Prep College in Laurinburg, North Carolina, with a B.A. in Therapeutic Riding.

Marina Showalter Chancery '75 of Century, Florida, has news to share. Her son, Jacob, is an astrophysicist with Muniz Engineering and will be working as a research scientist at NASA's space propulsion lab at Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas.

Sister Mary Joseph (Ruth) Powers, OP ('75) celebrated her 25th Jubilee as a Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne last fall. She

is the administrator of Saint Rose's Home (New York City), the first home established by the Community 100 years ago. The Dominican Sisters of Hawthorne nurse incurable cancer patients in five nursing facilities in four states. The community is in the process of opening a sixth home in Kenya.

Karlyn Sturmer '75 of Sandy Hook, Connecticut, was featured in a recent article about animal rescues in the wake of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans. Karlyn, a volunteer cat rescuer with "Alley Cat Allies," helped reunite families with their beloved cats.

"My son, Wakeford, attended the London School of Economics during the summer of 2005," writes **Betsy Wakeford Thompson '75** of Houston, Texas. "He'll return to UGA for his junior year with a double major in Finance, Risk Management, and Insurance."

Congratulations to **Cynthia Wright '75** of Atlanta, who was honored in February as one of the country's top 500 judiciary judges by Lawdragon, an online and print legal service information company. In 1996, former Georgia Governor Zell Miller appointed Cindy to the Fulton County Superior Court, after she had served with the Fulton County State Court, served as Miller's chief legal counsel from 1991 to 1995, and was assistant legal counsel for former Governor George Busbee from 1978 until 1980.

LuAnn Week Holden '76 is presently serving as interim chair of the vocal department of Lee University School of Music in Cleveland, Tennessee. Her teaching responsibilities include music education methods classes and

supervising student teachers. In addition to responsibilities at Lee, she is the artistic director of the Chattanooga Girls Choir.

Carrie Anne Parks-Kirby '76 is professor of art and design at Alma College in Alma, Michigan. In 2005 she exhibited work in Pomona, California, Chicago, Illinois and in Korea. Wesleyan sends sympathy to Carrie on the death of her husband of 22 years, Kent Kirby, who was also an artist and printmaker. (*See Sympathy.*)

Mary Knight Robinson '76 of Bainbridge, Georgia, teaches math classes on a part-time basis at the local community college.

"My daughter, Lauren, graduated from Elon University with a BA in Art on May 21, 2005," writes **Henrietta Craddock Schoonover '76** of Neptune Beach, Florida.

Beth Holliman Boswell '77 of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, began working in September 2005 as director of development for Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County. She also serves on the board of directors for the Winston-Salem Children's Chorus.

"My first grandchild was born May 4, 2005," writes **Dr. Janet Rumler Brooks '78** from Goose Creek, South Carolina. "Angelina Alora Brooks weighed in at 9lbs. 2 oz. My son, Christopher, daughter-in-law, Amber, and granddaughter live in Greenville."

Page Walker Jones '78 has been living in Charlotte since May 2005. She works part-time as a dental hygienist. Her older son, Bryan, graduated from Auburn last year. Younger son Wes is a freshman at Auburn...three more years and counting! Page's stepdaughter also lives in the Charlotte area.



CONGRATULATIONS TO Debbie Jones Smith, '76, who has been named Vice President for Institutional Advancement, effective March 1, 2006, after a year-long search found that the best person for the job was right here all along, according to a campus-wide announcement by President Ruth Knox. Debbie served Wesleyan as director of public relations from 1980-83, and then as associate vice president for institutional advancement from 2003 until accepting the vice presidency this spring.

"Hurricanes coerced us into selling our Walton Dunes, Florida, property," says **Janet L. Keys '78** of Birmingham, Alabama. "We had owned it since 1989, rebuilt after Erin-Opal hit, and gutted it following Ivan. At least after Dennis and Katrina there was something left to sell. Our hearts and prayers are with those who lost family, friends, homes, and communities. Within the last year I became a great aunt (twice!) to Annabelle G. Keys and to Emmaline Charlotte Hayes, whose grandmother is **Mary Beth Taylor Keys '69** of St. Simons Island, Georgia. I spent a wonderful time with President **Ruth Knox**, **Cathy Snow**, and **Debbie Smith** when they visited with alumnae in Birmingham," writes Janet.

Patricia "Pat" Collins Morgan '78 of Forsyth, Georgia, and her husband, Ernest, celebrated their 50th anniversary and expect to celebrate many more together. They are both active in the Monroe County Historical Society and its genealogy center and museum.

Congratulations to **Laura Perdue '78** and husband Mark Kelley, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a trip to China

Janice Pyron Senkbeil '78 and her husband, Paul, welcomed their first grandchild in February. Janice is a retired first grade teacher, and enjoys volunteer work and helping her husband with his business in Macon.

In the small Wesleyan world category **Gail Bacon Ford '79** of Lizella, Georgia, was delighted to meet up with **June Forester McCormick '78** of Trenton, Georgia, at the All State Chorus

held in Savannah. Gail's son attended the event, while June had a student that also sang in the chorus.

According to **Lynne Anthoine Hueglin '79** "all is well in Roanoke." Lynne was transferred to Encompass Compliance at Allstate in November 2004. Her oldest son, Bill, graduated in May 2005 from James Madison University with a BM degree in music education. Now he is in graduate school at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, where he is working toward a master's degree in saxophone performance. He received a teaching assistantship in Lively Arts.

"Six of our 11 children are married. December 2005 brought our 12th grandchild. We are so blessed!" writes **Marianne Blair Jones '79** of Bakersville, North Carolina.

In April, the work of **Diane Hinderleider Mead '79** of Macon was featured in a regional ceramics exhibition and sale called *Fired Works*.

In September 2005 **Natalie Anderson Rauch '79** had a special homecoming. Her husband returned home after an eight-month tour of duty in Iraq. Since then he has been transferred to Ft. Huachuca in Arizona, where they enjoy living in the southwest.

1980s

Valerie Cowart '80 continues life in Nashua, New Hampshire, as a transplanted southern belle, and enjoys making snow angels on the mountain she calls home! "Wesleyannes visiting New Hampshire are always welcome," says Valerie.



Alumnae Director Cathy Snow wishes **Jewell Hall Ray Penland '80** of Macon a happy 102nd birthday.

Jeanne Luke Longerbeam '80 of Cumming, Georgia, is pleased to announce a private release of her first CD, "Unexpected Song". For information on ordering, contact singerjeanneluke@aol.com

Trisha Chapman DuBose '81 left the classroom in September 2005 to become a science implementation specialist for the Georgia Department of Education, where she travels the southern portion of the state as part of a team tasked to improve the quality of science education. She will also serve as an academic coach. "I look forward to finding my classmates in their classrooms," writes Trisha.

Congratulations to Wesleyan Trustee **Stephanie Parker '81** of Atlanta, who was elected chairman of the board of the Girl Scout Council of Northwest Georgia. In 2005, Georgia Trend magazine and Atlanta Magazine selected Stephanie as one of the best lawyers in Georgia.

Newlyweds **Nancy Sinnott '81** and John Parker married in October 2005 at Mountain Park United Methodist Church in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Nancy's

son, Andrew Vickers, escorted her down the aisle. Andrew lives in Daytona Beach, Florida, where he is a fireman. In attendance were **Ellen Fiebel Johnson '82**, **Cindy Cobb '81**, and Ellen and Cindy's daughters, Kristen Johnson and Elizabeth Paulsson, who served as Nancy's honor attendants. Cindy's son, David Paulsson, assisted at the reception. All three children have been long-time members of the children's choir at Mountain Park Church with Nancy as their director. Nancy and John live in Tucker, Georgia, where she is managing editor of the medical journal *Arthritis Care & Research*, and John is a sales director for an industrial supply company. (See *Marriages*.)

The voice of **Caroline Thomas '81** added to the high-octane Wagnerian excitement of the Seattle Opera's performance of *Die Walkure*, one of the most popular of Wagner's four "Ring" operas, when she performed with the company in September 2005.

In January 2006 **Beth Dilworth Beaver '82** and her husband, Franklin, were accepted to be full-time missionaries to Belgium with Mission to the World, an agency of the Presbyterian Church in America. They hope to go to the field sometime in 2007, after completing a support raising process. In Belgium they will do video and graphic design work – a new and exciting position created to support missionaries in the field.

Wesleyan has a new student in the PK Class of 2010. "My daughter, Melissa Haley, has been accepted to Wesleyan with a merit scholarship," reports proud mom, **Beth Mercer Haley '83**, from Loganville, Georgia. "Too bad she couldn't be a Golden Heart!"

GROUNDED IN FAITH: (From left) Atlanta Wesleyan Alumnae Club President Missy Ryan '98 welcomes Debbie Stevenson Moses '89, alumnae association president, Reverend Bill Hurdle, college chaplain, and Betty Nunn Mori '58, Wesleyan trustee, to the Atlanta Club's *Spring Luncheon*. Reverend Hurdle spoke to club members about religious life on campus, including the Wesleyan Disciples program in his remarks, "Wesleyan College: Grounded in Faith."



After 12 years as a stay-at-home mom, **Laura Reynolds Burke '85** of Perry, Georgia, returned to the workplace in 2004. Laura is working for Big Brothers/Big Sisters of the Heart of Georgia as a match coordinator. She serves children in Peach and Crawford counties and is proud to report that many Wesleyan volunteers to mentor.

Holly T. Heath '85 and her husband, Ben Anderson, live in Albany, Georgia, and are the proud parents of a second son, Robert Heath Anderson, born in August. Grandmother **Sally Thorp Heath '57** and husband, Frank, are equally proud grandparents. (See *Births*.)

Alaine Thomas Bowman '86 of Macon writes that she has a new book that will be published soon. "God has given me the opportunity to publish my first children's book and for this I am grateful."

Merri Hart White '86 lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, where she is very active in her church. Mary says she is continuing "her" education as a home-schooling mother.

Dr. Gay Garrett '87 maintains a thriving general surgery practice with Foxhall Surgical Associates in Washington, DC. This summer, Gay became engaged to Dr. Mark Harris after a ten-year courtship. Mark proposed via satellite phone from the summit of Mount McKinley. He's a true Renaissance man – in addition to mountain climbing, Mark is also a neurosurgeon, a lawyer, and a pastry chef!

It's "back to school" for **Jacquelyn K. Ivey-Weaver '87** of Macon. "I am taking a painting class from Marlin Adams at Gordon College

in Barnesville, Georgia. It is a blast to continue to learn! My art school at my studio is still going, so the things I learn each week get passed on to my students. My family is still growing: 6 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Life is great."

Mary Frances Baugh Stewart '87 is the chair of the math department at Jones County High School in Gray, Georgia.

"I have big news to share! I have a new man in my life..." writes **Margaret McKnight Troedsson '87** of Alachua, Florida. "I gave birth to my first child on April 27, 2005. His name is Sean McKnight Troedsson and he is the love of my life. His father, Mats, is from Sweden but has been living in the US since 1987. He's a veterinarian and a professor at the University of Florida, specializing in equine reproduction (fits well with my horse interest). I am no longer at Santa Fe, having resigned my position to be a full-time mom to Sean and to pursue my horse breeding/training/showing "hobby." I know I'm not the oldest "new mom" in the world but, at the age of 41, I'm finding that motherhood is exhausting! It's 1500% worth it, though!" (See *Births*.)

Vera Peters Williams '87 of Macon and her husband, Tol, have two special children adopted from Bulgaria: Nikolas, age 6 and Galia Rose, age 4. (See *Births and Family Additions*.)

In September 2005, **Dr. Michele Arduengo '88** of Milton, Wisconsin, presented a keynote talk as part of the Academic and Cultural Arts Series at Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa. "I led a discussion of the ethical challenges of creating human/mouse neural

chimeras as part of research projects to develop new therapeutics for patients suffering from neurological diseases. I also talked with faculty and students about science writing and editing as part of the Writing Across the Curriculum program at Morningside. I am the lead editor and a writer on a project sponsored by the Biotechnology Institute (Arlington, Virginia) to put together a bioethics curriculum targeted to senior high school and first-year and sophomore college students."

Ana N. Fernandez '88 of Orlando, Florida, was recently recognized for 6 years of volunteer service on the board of Harbor House, Orange County Center Against Domestic Violence. Of those six years Ana served two years as board president. During her service: board membership increased, long term strategic planning was put into place, they held the first "ask" breakfast and raised nearly \$250,000 in one hour, and conducted a CEO search. It was a wonderful learning experience. Now Ana is focused on obtaining her CFP (R) Certified Financial Planner (tm) designation in July 2006.

Pamela Lohr Hendrix '88 lives in Madison, Georgia, and teaches 8th grade Georgia Studies at Cousins Middle School in Covington.

After graduating from Wesleyan, **Leslie Bradberry Mastroianni '88** moved to Chicago to pursue a career in arts management with the Lyric Opera, where she worked in the development department for over a decade. She was one of three arts managers chosen nationally to serve as a Fellow for OPERA America, out of Washington, DC. During her fellowship, she worked for The

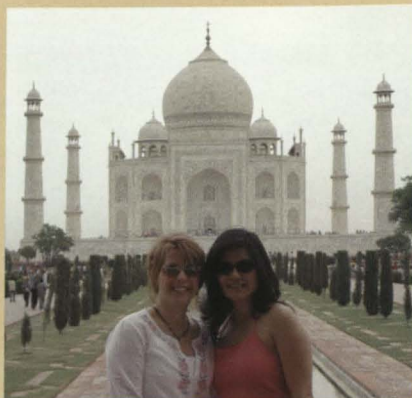
Fort Worth Opera, Opera Pacific, and The Santa Fe Opera then returned to Lyric Opera of Chicago as director of the Women's Board, a group responsible for raising \$2 million annually for the company. Leslie married in 1998 and in the year 2000, she took some time off to start a family. In 2003 she worked for the board of directors of the John G. Shedd Aquarium, planning the inaugural opening of its new shark exhibit. In 2004, Leslie finally decided it was time to return to the South. She and her family reside in Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina. Presently, Leslie volunteers for the Spoleto Festival, and is an independent consultant for Arbonne International.

Maricka M. Rogers '88 of Dunnellon, Florida, completed her MBA degree from Regis University in July 2005.

"My husband, Robert, and daughters, Rachel Christine (14) and Robin Caroline (12) and I reside in Conyers, Georgia, where Robert serves as the senior pastor of Ebenezer United Methodist Church. I continue to sing professionally, teach piano and voice, and home school my daughters," writes **Denise Cheek Brown '89**.

Lura Harrell Hammock '89 of Newnan, Georgia, and husband Randall welcomed a new baby boy, Mark Bridges on October 28, 2005. He joins big brother Luke (10). (See *Births*.)

The Birmingham Business Journal ran a feature article on entrepreneur **Kelli Goolsby Morrow '89** of Bessemer, Alabama, who is owner of the area's Kinderdance, a franchise of Kinderdance International Inc. Kinderdance offers a curriculum



HAVE COKE, WILL TRAVEL: **Betty Lo '95** of Mableton, Georgia, has been promoted to the position of strategic planner for global information technology at The Coca-Cola Company in Atlanta. Betty leads the strategic and annual planning process for all information technology solutions to support Finance, HR, and corporate functions. (Pictured, right) Betty at the Taj Mahal during a business trip that included China, Philippines, Hong Kong and India.

based program for pre-schoolers that mixes dance and gymnastics with lessons on such primary skills as color and shape recognition. Kelli puts her dance and speech communication skills she studied at Wesleyan to good use every week as she teaches more than 100 students. Husband Chris, who works with Alabama Gas Corporation, is her most ardent supporter.

1990s

Suzanne Futral Cuoe '90 of Alamo, Georgia, teaches English at Wheeler County High School. Two of our current Wesleyan students, Miley Lambson and Lauren Courtney Mitchell attended Wheeler.

"We had a baby boy, Asa Paul Fendley, on August 9th, 2005! He was 7 lbs 3 oz and 20 1/2 inches long," writes **Alice Armitage Fendley '90** of Moore, South Carolina. "Big brother, Powell (9), and big sisters Camille (7) and Aurelia (4) are having a great time loving him." Four children sure keep Mark and Alice busy these days! (See *Births*.)

Alisa Mallard Gregory '90 and her husband live in Summerdale, Alabama, where Steve is pastor of Living Oaks Family Church. They adopted 3 children: Michelle (12), Rebecca (9), and Brittany (8).

Tara Joyner Haussler '90 has moved back to Warner Robins, Georgia, due to her husband's transfer back to JSTARS at Robins Air Force Base. "We are happy to be back with family and friends, bringing our two daughters — Auburn, 10 and Taite, 1."

Shantras S. Lakes '90 of Atlanta is working with the Fulton County Arts Council.

"I recruit students and I ask them to assist Wesleyan College. Wesleyan is still *first for women* and, in my opinion, the best!" writes **Annie Mae Leonard Mitcham '90** of Macon. "My granddaughter, Shynita Dudley, is attending Wesleyan."

In North Carolina, **Lori Reese Patton '90** has recently been accepted into the Charlotte Mecklenburg Bar Institute of Leadership.

Congratulations to **Virginia Bowman Wilcox '90**, who received her Ph.D. from Auburn University in August 2005. She and her family, husband Howard "Tripp" and daughters, Georgia, Teresa, and Charlotte, have moved back to the Seattle area. Dr. Wilcox is working as the building and learning specialist at daughter Georgia's elementary school, and volunteering for Girl Scouts to get the free cookies!

Teresa Morris Futral '91 of Opelika, Alabama, and her husband, Keith, are parents to 2 wonderful four-legged children: Smitty and Wesleyanne!

"After working claims for 6 hurricanes in the last year, Todd and I know where we won't be retiring!" writes **Cynthia L. Hershey '91** of Benton, KY. "We've enjoyed helping people recover from the storms, but it would be nice to have a quiet 2006 hurricane season. We're looking forward to the 1991 GH 15 year reunion in April."

Melissa Martin Malone '91 married Christopher "Chris" Allan Constable in September at the DeBordieu Club in Georgetown, South Carolina. Her sister, Robin, served as matron of honor and her brother, Robert, served as groomsman. Her niece, Skylar, served as flower girl. **Beth Dilworth Beaver '82** of Norcross, Georgia, was a bridesmaid. Melissa is a national board certified teacher of deaf/hard of hearing students in Georgetown. Husband Chris received his business degree from the University of Pittsburgh and works as assistant controller/human resources manager at the DeBordieu Club. Mother of the bride, **Nedra Martin Malone '65**, enjoyed having all of her family in the wedding. (See *Marriages*.)

Stephanie Watkins Pate '91 of Byron, Georgia, is proud of her two sons, Alex and Andrew, who both graduated with honors from high school in May 2005 and who are both Eagle Scouts. Alex is at Georgia College (nursing) on a cross country scholarship, while Andrew is studying mechanical engineering at Georgia Southern through the Georgia Tech Regional Engineering Program. Stephanie's daughter, Sarah, is active in Girl Scouts and gymnastics. Stephanie and Ches Thompson are also busy with April 2006 wedding plans!

From her home in Vienna, Virginia, **Kristin van Brero Yashko '91** reminisces: "Dr. (Marcile) Taylor is one of those rare professors who combine brilliance with a passion for learning and a true love for the subject she teaches. Her classes are intense, her expectations high, and she requires her students to do their best. My classmates and I

were in such awe of this amazing woman. You can imagine our delight when we discovered that she had a wonderful sense of humor as well! As upperclassmen, Dr. Taylor even allowed us a little mischief. In fact, I still have a picture of her with a coffee filter on her head as we celebrated her birthday. It still brings a smile to my face to think of Dr. Taylor, eyes rolled heavenward, saying, "Ah, Miss van Brero" followed by a heavy sigh. Thank you, Dr. Taylor!"

Beth Riddle Everett '92, Sylvester, Georgia, writes, "My long-time (we met in 1989) fiancé, Richard, and I got married in 2002, and we are expecting our first child in May."

From Kingman, Arizona, we got this great news from **Staca Hiatt '92**: "I am delighted to report that in January 2005, I was promoted to director of tourism for the Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce. I love the creative aspects of the position — designing ads and writing editorials and PSAs—for which my English/Journalism major certainly comes in handy. In other good news, I became engaged on June 17, 2005, to a wonderful man named Bob Hickok, and we are planning to marry in the spring of 2006."

Maria Pardo Huete '92 is now the mother of triplets. She lives in New Orleans.

Lianne Navran '92 married Francis Kagunda on October 22, 2005. **Kari Keene '92** and **Rajani (Jenny) Manandar Flynn '93** were bridesmaids. Jenny's daughter, Siobhan, was the flower girl. Lianne wrote: "It's going to be a small wedding — family and close friends. Francis' parents will

RISE STAR: Phaedra Parks '93 was featured in an *Atlanta Magazine* article as one of Georgia Super Lawyers "2005 Rising Stars." She was featured also in the November 2005 issue of *Jezebel* magazine as an Attorney of Distinction. Phaedra is the managing partner for the Parks Group, where her entertainment practice focuses on contract negotiation, civil litigation, and criminal defense. She has served as a legal analyst for NBC and Fox News and has been recognized nationally on *Entertainment Tonight*, *Celebrity Justice*, and *Extra* for her handling of several high-profile clients and cases.



come from Kenya for the wedding; one sister may make it from London. Later, we'll have a traditional Kenyan ceremony in his home village, which all of his relatives will be able to attend. We plan to live in Florida. He's a software engineer and I'm teaching Japanese." (See *Marriages*.)

Ellen NeSmith '92 and **Tracey McAlpin '01** have started the first Inclusive Kindergarten at Butler Early Childhood Center in Macon.

Dr. Barbara Summers Blevins '93 of Knoxville, Tennessee, proudly announces the birth of her son, William Ellis Blevins, born July 29, 2005. (See *Births*.)

"I am the public relations coordinator for the College of Arts at Kennesaw State University, where I edit several publications, including *Flourish* magazine," writes **Cheryl Anderson Brown '93**.

Dr. Jill Kosobucki Moore '93 was married in May 2005 to David Moore of Columbus, Georgia. Jill is a board certified physician in Family Medicine and has re-established her practice at the Columbus Clinic, P.C., a multi-specialty group. (See *Marriages*.)

"I have just accepted a new position at my company!" writes **Elizabeth Bockmiller Ceranowski '94** of Clayton, North Carolina. "I will be managing student programs for SAS Institute. Although I am sad to leave my corporate training position (I'll miss teaching!), I am excited about creating programs to encourage K-12 schools, colleges, and universities to use SAS software. Oh yeah....Go PKs!"

Jane Carver Kimbrel '94 writes: "Dr. (Fletcher) Anderson always expected the best from his students. I worked on the Franck A-Minor Chorale much longer than I should have. Dr. A commented, 'I don't know if it will kill you or me first, but you will finish this!' ...and I did!"

"I recently received the *Wesleyan Magazine*. I couldn't believe you found me! Thank you!" That's **Amber Paulk Lopez-Mieres '94** of Davie, Florida. "It was so good to read about Wesleyan and remember my days there. Although I did not graduate from Wesleyan, I still hold it dear to my heart. Since leaving Wesleyan, I have lived in Utah, Ukraine, Spain, and the Caribbean. I married a fantastic man, Franco, who has given me two beautiful children, Amalia (3 1/2) and Alex (20 mo.). I felt so proud as I read the articles about Dr. Fletcher Anderson's retirement, as I was a Wesleyanne and count him a friend."

Congratulations to new mom, **Janelle Reynolds-Fleming '94**, who had her first baby, a girl named Bryn, in December. She and her husband, Jason, returned to the states from New Zealand and live in Morehead City, North Carolina. Janelle works as a part-time post-doc for her previous employer in New Zealand. The work is contractual and she is writing up the results from her research there. She is also writing with the former advisor at the University of North Carolina. (See *Births*.)

Lori Y. Downie '95 was married on July 2, 2005, in New Bern, North Carolina, to Dr. Mark Robinson, Ph.D. Lori is currently employed as an educational psychologist and her husband is the

director of English as Second Language (ESL) studies for Craven County School District. (See *Marriages*.)

Sheree Hollis '95 of Decatur, Georgia, is performing with an Atlanta opera company and preparing to audition for several competitions and workshops in the coming months, including a performance program at Julliard.

Valerie Ann Huron Brewer '96 and her husband, Wayne, bought their first home in 2004 right outside of Chattanooga, Tennessee. They are proud to announce that their first child, a beautiful baby girl named Courtney, was born on November 24, 2004. Valerie says, "I absolutely love being her mother! I am still working as an epidemiology analyst, but now I work from home so that I can be with my daughter. I hope to be at the 10-year reunion in April and catch up with all my sister GKs!"

"God has blessed us with the most beautiful granddaughters, Ndidi and Ekene. A third grandchild is on the way!" writes **Chi Ezekwueche '96** from Macon.

Tanya Finney '96 of Fayetteville, Georgia, has published her first collection of poetry entitled, *Love Letters: Connecting the heart of man to God*. You can check out excerpts from the book at www.tanyawrties.com

"Just thought I'd update the group that I'm now married," writes **Michelle McCluney Horgan '96**. "The wedding was on October 29, 2005, in Decatur at the First United Methodist Church. The reception followed at the Druid Hills Golf Club. I'm still living in Alexandria, Virginia, so planning from a distance was

stressful at times. I look forward to seeing everyone at Alumnae Weekend!" (See *Marriages*.)

Shirley Hendrick Lanford '96 and her husband, Charles, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2005 with a luncheon at their summer home on Lake Sinclair hosted by their children and grandchildren. Charles is a retired physician and both are members of Riverside United Methodist Church in Macon.

"After almost four years with the Atlanta Legal Aid Society, I have decided to go into business for myself," writes **Sherry V. Neal '96** of Atlanta. "I will primarily be working as a professional organization consultant with Momentum, Inc. In addition, I will also maintain a law practice that focuses on domestic adoption cases."

"Dr. Marcile Taylor is more than a gifted teacher and mentor. She shows us how a woman can be assertive, strong, intelligent, graceful, and compassionate all at the same time. Plus - not many profs would get excited when you ask to listen to Phil Ochs or Bob Dylan while you work!" writes **Yehudi Self-Medlin '96** from Winchester, Massachusetts.

Sorella, a high-end fashion store in Macon, continues to flourish under the direction of owners **Deidra West Smith '96** and her sister, Erin Kovacs. Their mother Kay West, a current Wesleyan trustee, even named the store - Sorella means "sister" in Italian. The dynamic sister duo have worked together all of their lives, growing up on their parents' farm in Dooley County, which specializes in cotton and cattle. In addition to running a successful store,



EXPERIMENTING IN NEW ZEALAND: Biological and Physical Oceanographer and Mellon Post-Doctoral Fellow **Dr. Janelle Reynolds-Fleming '94** works on the New Zealand shoreline putting out an experiment. Her work was a collaborative effort between the University of Canterbury, NIWA, and the local government to determine the viability of commercial mussel farming. Janelle is grateful for her Wesleyan education and reports, "It prepared me well for different aspects of my science career." See *Wesleyan Alumnae Profiles* at www.wesleyancollege.edu/firstforwomen/alumnae/index.html

they also manage the family farm, along with their parents. "Farming is in our blood, and fashion is something we fell in love with," says Deidre, who is a construction design manager for The Sea Island Company.

Jennifer Varner '96 moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, four years ago and is currently working as Director of IT at a publicly traded internet company.

In August 2005 **Anna Wilkins '96** returned to the states after living in Germany. She lives and works in Dallas, Texas, where she is also busy planning for her November 2006 wedding in Florida.

From Tallahassee, Florida, **Julie Howell Helter '97** writes: "We now have two sons, Seth born on May 20, 2001 and Luke born on June 30, 2003. I work part time with The University of South Florida's Chiles Center assisting the department of children and families with planning for reducing child abuse, neglect, and abandonment."

Stephanie Pate Lewis '97 remembered good times with her favorite professor: "Having Dr. (Marcile) Taylor as a teacher was one of the best things about going to Wesleyan. I really appreciated the time she spent teaching and mentoring me. I especially enjoyed our field trips – white water rafting, Sapelo Island, St. Simon's, Atlanta, Chattanooga, and the Etowah mounds. It was so much fun crisscrossing Georgia as the "Wesleyan Bowling Team" in her van. I was always afraid to be unprepared in class. Her high expectations of her students pushed me to be my best. She is always welcome in my home if her travels bring her to Rome or northwest Georgia."

Kimberly J. Benoit '98 got married on April 9, 2005, to Glenn Nathaniel LeBlanc. It was a small wedding in New Orleans. **Erin Dallas '98** was a bridesmaid. (See *Marriages*.)

Angela Meadows Bills '98 lives in Orlando, Florida, with her husband, David. They have two children; Natalia "Lia", born January 2, 2003, and Garrett, born October 27, 2004.

Lisa Bridges Hines '98 of Norcross, Georgia, writes: "Just wanted to let you know that I got married on October 8th. The wedding was in Atlanta. My new husband is Casey Hines and I will be changing my name to Lisa B. Hines. (See *Marriages*.)

"I'm living in Gainesville, Florida, with my husband, Jeff Tabor," writes **Tori Houlberg '98**. They celebrated their fifth anniversary in October 2005, as well as the first birthday of their daughter, Piper Laura Jacobine Tabor in November. Married life is great, and being a full-time stay at home mom is the hardest and most rewarding job I have ever had."

Jennifer Pierce Lowe '98 is the financial controller for Lynn Haven nursing home in Gray, Georgia.

Fundraising INFO.com Vice President **Missy Ryan '98**, of Smyrna, Georgia, shared her thoughts on the challenges and issues that non-profits face in an on-line interview in *Viewpoint*. Although Missy travels around the country in her job, she still finds time to be Wesleyan's current Loyalty Fund chair.

In 2004, **Nichole Gessell Arnault '99** earned a master's degree from Georgia State University in Women's

Studies and began working on a Ph.D. in Sociology at the University of Georgia. Nicole lives in Tucker, Georgia, and is in her second year in the doctoral program.

"I married the light of my life, Paul Ghiotto, on December 31, 2005, in my hometown of Apalachicola, Florida. We enjoyed a simple, camping and kayaking honeymoon in the beautiful Florida panhandle. Paul and I met as students through a mutual friend here in Gainesville over four years ago. He is an attorney (UF Law '04) and I am a 2nd year Ph.D. student in Interdisciplinary Ecology. Dr. Jim Ferrari recently emailed me about the groundbreaking for the new science center. That's so exciting!! I'm hoping to come up in the fall to give a presentation on my research," writes **Amy Daniels '99**. (See *Marriages*.)

Amanda Benson Gay '99 of Macon is proud to announce that Kyla Rose Gay was born on September 29th at 3:40 in the morning! She weighed 8 lbs. and 1 oz. and was more than 21 inches long. Amanda adds, "Can you believe I had a baby that big? We are both doing great and starting to get more sleep each night." Somehow, Amanda still finds time to serve on the board of the Junior League! (See *Births*.)

Ashley Haymond '99 is the new senior budget analyst with the Maryland-National Capitol Park and Planning Commission. Last October she visited **Erica Collinsworth Lockwood '99** and Erica's new daughter, Natalie, and stopped by the campus to visit with Dr. Barbara Donovan.

2000s

If you're in the neighborhood, stop by and visit **Lindsay Cole Abernethy '00**, who just moved in to her new home in Macon.

Amanda Bickley '00 of Bonaire, Georgia, is engaged to Edwin Aguilar, whom she met at the Warner Robins Air Force Base. They're looking forward to a beach wedding – but need to decide when!

Esther Celestin '00 lives in Laurel, Maryland, and would like to meet other alumnae from the DC Metro Area. "Please feel free to contact me if you are in the area," writes Esther.

Mandi Foster '00 will marry Clint Davis in Atlanta on May 20, 2006. The couple will live in Richmond, Virginia, where Clint attends law school, and Mandi will be pursuing a master of arts degree in teaching. Best friend **Amy Stone Braddock '00** will serve as matron of honor.

"We moved into our first home!" writes **Jaime Case Hutchins '00** of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Missy Graham Meeks '00 will soon have an address in Macon. After completing her dissertation at UNC-Chapel Hill in May, she will be teaching at Wesleyan as an assistant professor of English and director of the First-Year Experience/First-Year Writing Program.

Erin E. Young '00 has defended her dissertation and will graduate in December with her Ph.D. from Kent State University.

SUMMER CRUISE IN SAN FRANCISCO BAY WITH WESLEYAN FRIENDS! Our California alumnae and their friends and spouses are invited to join the 2006 Wesleyan Leadership Institute students, faculty, and President Ruth Knox for an evening aboard the Chardonnay Commodore on Thursday, August 3, 2006. Guests will board the yacht at Mariner Square on the Island of Alameda for a three hour cruise and dockside party to include wine, fine dining, and great fellowship. For more details and cost information, please contact the alumnae office at 478.757.5173 or visit www.wesleyancollege.edu/alumnae/events.



Since graduating in 2001, **Isabel Maria "Isa" Amaya** has had an exciting five years. In 2001-02 Isa worked for the Atlanta Chapter of the American Red Cross as an Americorps volunteer in disaster relief services, where she went to New York after 9/11 with the Red Cross. In 2002-03 she moved to Madrid, Spain, where she taught English as a Second Language, returning to Atlanta in 2003 to work as a kindergarten teacher's aid. In 2004-05 Isa published a book for poetry, *Living Love*, available at Amazon.com. In 2005 Xulonpress.com included two of her poems in a book especially written to encourage Katrina survivors. Isa is currently working on her second book of poetry and volunteering with Hands on Atlanta.

Ann Dolbee '01 teaches English in Houston, Texas, where she has added many displaced students to her classroom as a result of hurricane Katrina.

Last year, **Sophia N. Hall '01** of Dayton, Ohio, received the Volunteer of the Year Award for Altus AFB, OK. "I completed my MBA in June of 2005 from the University of Phoenix. Since then I have started my own business selling baskets and gift packages. Currently, I am trying to establish and promote bone marrow drives, so wish me luck!

Congratulations to **Abbie Smoak Lacienski '01** of Sylvania, Georgia, who earned a masters degree in educational leadership from Georgia Southern University in December. In 2005 she was named in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*, along with her sister class member **Carrie Walker Dumm '99**. Abbie is also nominated again for this year's edition. At Statesboro High School, Abbie

teaches 9th grade English and serves as a clinical supervisor to her first practicum student. **Julia Tolley LeSage '01** lives in Arlington, Massachusetts, and works at Harvard as a research assistant in cognitive neuroscience for Professor Stephen Kosslyn. She earned a master's degree in Middle Grades Education and is certified to teach science and social science in Georgia, where she taught for a year before joining her husband in Massachusetts where he worked. "I decided to take up research instead of going back to teaching, although I plan to teach again at some time – probably in the Boston area, as we should be here for a while," emails Julia.

"On May 10, 2005, I had a 7lb. 13 oz. baby boy. His name is David Moises Mendez, Jr.," writes **Andrea Morgan Mendez '01** of Covington, GA. "My husband, David, and I are enjoying being parents. He is absolutely wonderful! We are looking forward to the holidays more than ever." (See Births.)

Angela Weddington Varisco '01 and her husband Brian live in Denver, Colorado, where Brian is doing his residency. They have two daughters, Anna and Ansley. (See Births.)

A profile on Virginia Tech's website spotlighted third year graduate student **Sarah Chandler '02**, who is a master of fine arts candidate in the department of theatre arts. Graduate students directed plays last fall that helped to raise funds to increase awareness of social issues. In December, Sarah took a break from stage management to direct Margaret Edson's Pulitzer Prize winning play, *Wit*. This show accepted donations for the American Cancer Society.

Congratulations to **Chenny Gan '02** of Greensboro, North Carolina, who completed her second master of music degree (in piano accompanying) in August of 2005. Her first master's degree was in piano performance. Chenny is spending this year traveling, teaching, and performing in the US, China, and Europe before beginning doctoral study.

Kendra Rhoulhac McNeil '02 married Simeon McNeil on May 10, 2005, in San Antonio, Texas. Kendra served in the Army for two years and has been accepted into a program for federal investigators.

In October, **Hope McMichael Pendergrass '03** and husband Derrick moved into a new house on Meadow Wood Drive in Macon.

Congratulations to **Monica Harper '04**, who won 2nd prize in the Young Professional Division of the Albert Schweitzer National Organ Competition in Sept. 2005. Also this year, she was one of three finalists in the John Rodland National Organ and Church Music Competition in April, and one of six finalists in the Arthur Poister National Organ Competition. Monica has been accepted to the Doctor of Music in Church Music and Organ program at Indiana University to study with Marilyn Keiser, a virtuoso concert organist. Awarded an Associate Instructorship of Organ, a competitive position awarded on the basis of merit, Monica says "it will cover all of tuition, provide a stipend, health insurance, and a faculty parking space!" Monica graduated from Baylor University with a Master of Music in Church Music in 2006.

Amy C. Milano '04 relocated to Auburn Hills, Michigan, in August 2005.

Congratulations to med student **Beverly Barksdale Sanders '04** of Macon, who received her first white coat at Mercer University School of Medicine's annual White Coat Ceremony.

Congratulations to **Sarah Shearouse '04** who received the Wesleyan College Presidential Scholarship to Mercer Law School, where she is in the first-year class. "I am grateful to Wesleyan for this opportunity," writes Sarah.

"I married David John Adler this past August," writes **Elizabeth Eichelberger Adler '05** from Dudley, Georgia. "I am working as a claims adjuster for Progressive Insurance in Dublin. Everything is going great! I'm looking forward to great things as an alumna," says Elizabeth. (See Marriages.)

"I worked as the administrative intern at the headquarters of the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS (www.businessfight-aids.org) for the summer," writes **Sancia T. Dalley '05** of New York, NY. "My decision to put off graduate school until next year was made solely to gain more work experience in the non-profit sector. I'm torn between my love for photography/journalism and diplomacy – this internship has given me a little taste of both so far, so we'll see what I decide in the coming year!"



Resident Assistants build community among students

It's been several years since the Elizabeth Turner Corn and Ernest and Pauline Pierce Corn apartments were added to the comfortable living environment on Wesleyan's campus, but the sense of community within our residence halls continues to build. The strong foundation of life in the halls can be attributed largely to the leadership of Wesleyan's Resident Advisors (RAs), according to Director of Student Affairs Christy Henry.

"Wesleyan's team of fourteen RAs is responsible for maintaining the safety and security in the halls, in addition to ensuring the satisfaction and happiness of students living there," says Henry, "not to mention maintaining individual status as exemplary students in the classroom!"

A glance into the life of an RA reveals these women as major contributors to today's Wesleyan experience – breaking new ground through expanded roles.

Within a single day, each RA may be cast as friend, confidante, mediator, mentor, or advisor. She must fulfill her role as an administrator or policy enforcer, as well as emergency responder. Through excellent training, self-reflection, leadership development, and ongoing supervision, each RA is equal to the task. Many go above and beyond their call of duty to truly make a difference in the lives of Wesleyan's students.

"At Wesleyan, unlike many other colleges or universities, we truly believe that life outside of the classroom is intended to complement the academic mission of the college and is not just all about fun and games," says Henry. Students typically will spend an average of fifteen hours per week in the classroom, leaving significant time outside of the structured class environment. Today's RA's utilize that down time by providing social and educational programs, plus some additional academic programming.

"Not only does an RA make a difference through her role on campus, but her preparation for life after Wesleyan is truly remarkable," says Henry. "On a daily basis, an RA has no idea what she may encounter and often is forced to change roles within a matter of moments."

Unlike other student leadership roles, a day in the life of an RA is filled with unpredictable situations that require quick response, critical thinking, and compassion in the midst of adversity. The combination of traditional and on the job training prepares these leaders for real world experiences and they leave our campus with transferable skills marketable and valuable to any employer.

Monycia T. Everett '05 writes from Fort Riley, Kansas: "I've joined the Army! On November 19, I went to MEPS and joined the Active Duty Army. I leave for basic training on January 12, 2006. I also got the job in the medical field that I wanted. I'm really excited about this step."

Congratulations to **Kristina Mendoza '05** who was accepted into dental school at the University of Kentucky, and will be starting there in the fall. She was so thrilled, especially since it was her first choice. "Thank you, Dr. (Hilary) Kight, for your letter of recommendation. You are one I will never forget!" emails Kristina.

Alpa R. Patel '05 has a new job in Atlanta. "I am the director of human resources and payroll specialist at Maxim Healthcare Services. I am looking forward to the first reunion...actually I can't wait. I miss Wesleyan and all of my sisters!"

Nancy Richards '05 is in graduate school in Spain. She was accepted to MIT's Master of Engineering in Logistics (9 month long) program and she is part of the Class of 2006. For the first few days she was in Zaragoza she lived in a Youth Hostel and had a German student as a roommate. On the very first day of apartment hunting she found her new "casa." Now she rooms with two older ladies named Amalia (a sprightly seventy-five year-old with 7 grandchildren) and her sister, Claudia, a former missionary to Venezuela.

From McDonough, Georgia, **Tayo Sowemimo '05** shares the joyful news of the birth of a beautiful baby girl May 6, 2005. Her name is Aubrionne Sanae Alston. (See Births.)

Congratulations to **Irina Tanurcov '05**, of Phoenix, Arizona, who has been accepted to law school at Harvard.

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A Day in the life

of a Resident Advisor...



IT'S NO ORDINARY DAY

I had a grand plan in mind: come to college and graduate at the speed of light; no complications; no responsibilities; and no strings attached. Well, as they say, "the best laid plans of mice and men..." Despite my preconception of what these four years would be, my life at Wesleyan has turned out to be not a stroll down easy street but a challenging and rewarding trek up Mt. Everest.

A significant contribution to this journey has been my role as a Resident Advisor (RA). There is never a dull or predictable moment in this role. I leave my room with nerves of steel fully prepared to deal with the most outlandish thing that could occur, then come back and thank the Almighty if it is just a normal day.

However, I am not always that fortunate. There are days when I hear the duty phone ring at 4 a.m. having just put my head down after a long, cold, eventful check of the residential buildings (rounds) at 2 a.m. "Ring, ring." A resident calls to report that she smells something like smoke. I say, "Has the alarm gone off?" She says, "NO." "Do you see any smoke?" "No." "Have you called Campus Police?" "No." "OK, I will call Campus Police and let them check. Also, please remember that if there is ever a real fire, call 911 first, then call the RA."

And this is just one of the few things for which I have to be prepared. One blessed morning a distraught resident beat on my door with what sounded like a problem of global proportions. The grand disaster was that she had locked herself out and her roommate was not there. Thus began the day with one heroic task complete. Truth be told, this was less taxing than another session I had conducted with about ten residents with several different problems among them that they felt my infinite wisdom could help solve. It took hours to convey that they all had different personalities and, in order to survive in a community, they needed to respect each other's differences and embrace their similarities.

Well that was yesterday and today looked promising. First step to start the day of an RA is to check email; not surprisingly there are four messages from residents with a list of maintenance problems from a clogged toilet to bugs in their rooms. This was still an

upgrade from the crashing ceiling dilemma a few days before. I am convinced that I have the most interesting job. Where else would I get to order unregistered men off the premises in the middle of the night, help my sisters overcome problems among themselves, and act as exterminator and firefighter while juggling school and a non-existent social life?

Being a resident advisor is the most emotionally and mentally challenging position I have ever held as it is a constant roller coaster. There are days when I have to look my friends and fellow residents in the eye and say, "I am sorry but you have violated a Wesleyan College policy. Please report yourself to Honor Council." Despite the trying times there are also rewarding moments. Like the days when I get to run down the halls with my sister residents, enjoy potluck suppers and room parties, and be an utter failure at making "frappuccinos" for hall programs. One Christmas, my residents collectively bought a digital camera for me. They concocted an elaborate plan to present it to me at dinner by telling me this "really hot guy" was in the dining hall looking for me. Right. Long story short, when they presented me with such a well thought out gift, I cried. I don't shed tears often (it goes against my independent woman and mature RA appearance); however, it showed that "they liked me, they really, really liked me" and that they could come together to accomplish a task about which they all cared. "My children" had grown up. I think that, in a sense, being a Resident Advisor might be like the daily task of being a mother who must teach her children to respect each other and follow the rules to resolve their own issues, then be strong enough to stand aside and watch them live their own lives. You can be a friend, but you must also be the policy enforcer, educator, administrator, and advisor.

So a day in my life as a Wesleyan College Resident Advisor is no ordinary day, but whether wonderfully or painfully unpredictable, it's a treasured part of my Wesleyan experience.

Petronea Salmon is a Purple Knight from Jamaica. She will finish her coursework and graduate this summer with a double major in Spanish and History Political Science. After joining the work force for a year, she plans to continue her education in graduate or law school.

Mac's Bridge

connects campus community

In spring 2005, the McCowen family gathered to surprise Virginia McClellan McCowen '44 with the dedication of Mac's Bridge. The family chose to name the gift in honor of Virginia, their beloved matriarch, under the affectionate nickname she earned as an undergraduate at Wesleyan during the early 1940s. Dedicated to their precious wife, mother, and grandmother, the family honored Mrs. McCowen with a bridge on Wesleyan's campus as a metaphor for the loving support and selfless servitude she has provided, carrying them over both still and troubled waters through the years.

"A bridge is about finding a way to move forward when you are stuck," said Virginia's daughter Doris Muir at the dedication. "Most of the time, you can see the other side. You know where you want to go, but you can't get there. Gigi is a bridge. With her beautiful gift of being able to see all sides of an issue, to understand everyone's point of view, she has provided the way across many a tangled circumstance."

Despite serious illness, Mrs. McCowen's late husband William was determined to attend the ceremony. Losing a battle to lung cancer just two weeks later, the ceremony allowed him a final opportunity to publicly express his eternal love and gratitude for his wife. Daughters Murray Sellers and Doris Muir were joined by their husbands, George and Jeff, and their children, Kate, Wendy, Ginny, Travis, and Scott. Family members traveled from eight different cities to show their love and support for their "Gigi."

Born in Oklahoma on September 24, 1922, Mrs. McCowen came to Wesleyan in 1940 after her family moved to Lookout Mountain, Tennessee. During her four years at Wesleyan, "Mac" established deep friendships with many fine young women and faculty members, maintaining many of those relationships her entire life. Because she loved the school deeply and cherished her experiences here, she decided to remain on campus after graduation to work in former President MacPherson's office. While she was employed there, young Bill McCowen – a dashing former Mercer University fraternity president and varsity tennis and basketball player who

had just returned from service in Patton's Army in Europe – began to court her. He showed up late for their first date, and Virginia had already called it a night. Unaccustomed to such indifferent treatment, young Bill's pride was slightly hurt, but he was quite infatuated. The next day he visited her at Dr. MacPherson's office and presented her with a tennis trophy full of his mother's

pink roses. A few months later he proposed in the very same office. Their beautiful marriage spanned nearly 60 years, and Mrs. McCowen still resides at their family home on Old Club Road in Macon.




The beautiful new bridge offers a pleasant route between the Nancy Ellis Knox Equestrian Center and Mathews Athletic Complex, behind the lake, to the academic buildings and residence halls on the main campus. As an aside, Mrs.

McCowen and Mary Ann Mathews Pease '44, for whom the Mathews Center is named, were best friends at Wesleyan, so they will always be connected now. Mac's Bridge also completes the path around picturesque Foster Lake. Both the Wesleyan and Macon community enjoy its use to cross over the lake's finger; but more importantly, Mac's bridge has quickly become a campus icon and popular setting for beautiful photographs and moving ceremonies. This spring, Boy Scouts from Forest Hills United Methodist Church Troop 170 welcomed new brothers into their troop from Ingleside United Methodist Church Cub Scout Pack 2 through a ceremony on Mac's bridge. Appropriating the McCowen family's metaphor, each Cub Scout left his cub master and parents to traverse the bridge in a symbolic passage from Webelo to full fledged Boy Scout.

Whether facilitating a pleasant walk around the lake, a short cut back from working out, an idyllic backdrop while relaxing in a lakeside swing, or a rite of passage, "Mac's Bridge" inspires all those who know where they want to go – on campus and in life.

Contributor Scott Muir is a sophomore psychology major at Dartmouth College. He is Virginia's grandson and the son of Doris (McCowan) and Jeff Muir.

Pictured: Daughters Murray Sellers (left) and Doris Muir (right) celebrate the dedication of Mac's Bridge with their father Bill McCowen and mother Virginia.



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